



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 27, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler temperatures along with isolated rainstorms occurred throughout the state last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. According to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report, 65 percent of the state is experiencing exceptional drought (D4), 27 percent of the state is experiencing extreme drought (D3), and the rest of the state is in severe drought (D2) or moderate drought (D1). Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus increased from 17 percent last week to 20 percent. Box Elder and Beaver Counties reported producers have finished their first cutting of alfalfa. Statewide, the first cutting of alfalfa and the first cutting of other hay are 84 percent complete and 76 percent complete, respectively. Box Elder County reports winter wheat is beginning to turn color, and farmers have started their second cutting of alfalfa. Statewide, barley headed is at 71 percent complete and winter wheat headed is at 97 percent complete, both ahead of last year's progress. Box Elder County reported fruit producers are beginning to harvest cherries and apricots. Beaver County reports grasshoppers and Mormon crickets in alfalfa fields, and pastures were drying out due to a lack of moisture. Duchesne County reports livestock producers are selling cattle due to the drought, and crop growers are dealing with short irrigation water supplies. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 25 percent very short, 27 percent short, and 48 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were rated 27 percent very short, 53 percent short, and 20 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 21 percent very poor, 38 percent poor, 29 percent fair, and 12 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	84	76	84	85
2 nd cutting harvested	2	NA	NA	NA
Barley				
Headed	71	58	67	76
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	76	66	53	68
Tart cherries				
Harvested	8	5	2	NA
Winter wheat				
Headed	97	87	89	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for field work	6.1	7.0	6.6	6.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	30	26	11	10
Short.....	50	57	34	32
Adequate	20	17	55	57
Surplus	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	30	29	13	10
Short.....	39	33	31	29
Adequate	31	38	56	60
Surplus	--	--	--	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Poor	18	14	4	NA
Fair	30	29	24	NA
Good.....	49	54	67	NA
Excellent.....	2	2	5	NA
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	16	16	3	1
Fair	44	44	36	14
Good.....	34	34	55	64
Excellent.....	6	6	6	21
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor	4	6	10	2
Fair	29	35	31	17
Good.....	61	55	55	69
Excellent.....	6	4	4	12
Other hay				
Very poor.....	5	4	--	NA
Poor	23	20	7	NA
Fair	34	36	21	NA
Good.....	38	40	68	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	4	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	29	28	4	3
Poor.....	43	47	12	8
Fair.....	27	24	43	30
Good	1	1	41	46
Excellent	--	--	--	13
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	15	15	5	4
Poor.....	32	40	14	8
Fair.....	34	29	39	27
Good	13	10	31	46
Excellent	6	6	11	15
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	10	5	1	1
Fair.....	38	39	9	11
Good	48	52	81	73
Excellent	3	3	9	15
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	13	7	--	1
Fair.....	43	40	16	16
Good	41	50	72	73
Excellent	3	3	12	10

NA – not available

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