



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 11, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Utah has been very dry and in a state of exceptional drought, with little rain throughout most of the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 16 percent last week to 14 percent. Irrigation water supplies are becoming tighter in Box Elder County. Sources in Beaver County indicate that lack of pasture quality is causing producers to look for more hay for their livestock. Lack of water has also been problematic for livestock, as there is no longer sufficient stock water. Statewide, the first cutting of alfalfa and the first cutting of other hay are 96 percent complete and 90 percent complete, respectively. Producers have harvested 11 percent of the second cutting of other hay. Box Elder County reports noted that producers have been harvesting sweet cherries, tart cherries, and apricots, and expect a good harvest if there is enough water. Statewide, barley headed is at 93 percent complete. Producers have harvested 2 percent of the winter wheat crop. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 26 percent very short, 33 percent short, and 41 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were rated 27 percent very short, 54 percent short, and 19 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 19 percent very poor, 48 percent poor, 22 percent fair, and 11 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	96	89	96	NA
2 nd cutting harvested	32	17	37	33
Barley				
Headed	93	83	93	NA
Corn				
Silked.....	2	--	--	NA
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	90	83	78	83
2 nd cutting harvested	11	1	NA	NA
Tart cherries				
Harvested	49	20	28	12
Winter wheat				
Harvested	2	2	2	6

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	7	6.8	7	7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	32	25	19	12
Short.....	54	59	33	36
Adequate.....	14	16	48	51
Surplus	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	31	29	22	11
Short.....	42	39	35	33
Adequate.....	27	32	43	56
Surplus	--	--	--	--

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	3	2	--	NA
Poor	13	13	4	NA
Fair	27	28	30	NA
Good.....	55	57	59	NA
Excellent	2	--	7	NA
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	19	16	3	2
Fair	46	47	44	22
Good.....	32	34	44	59
Excellent	3	3	9	17
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	4	4	6	2
Fair	23	28	24	19
Good.....	67	62	64	70
Excellent	6	6	6	9
Other hay				
Very poor	9	7	1	NA
Poor	16	16	5	NA
Fair	29	32	21	NA
Good.....	45	45	68	NA
Excellent	1	--	5	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	31	29	3	4
Poor.....	43	40	14	14
Fair.....	24	29	43	33
Good.....	2	2	39	39
Excellent.....	--	--	1	10
Winter wheat				
Very poor	17	14	5	3
Poor.....	35	38	8	10
Fair.....	30	30	41	33
Good.....	12	12	37	45
Excellent.....	6	6	9	9
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	4	2	--	--
Poor.....	9	7	1	1
Fair.....	37	37	13	14
Good.....	47	51	76	70
Excellent.....	3	3	10	15
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	2	1	--	--
Poor.....	11	8	2	1
Fair.....	41	40	15	18
Good.....	43	48	72	68
Excellent.....	3	3	11	13

NA – not available

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