



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 18, 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 14 percent last week to just 5 percent this week. Sources from Beaver County indicated there have been storms that have modestly helped pasture and rangeland, but more rain is needed. The lack of moisture is causing ranchers to move their cattle from rangeland to feed lots. Statewide, the first cutting of alfalfa hay is complete, and the first cutting of other hay is at 94 percent complete. The second cuttings of alfalfa hay and other hay are 43 and 11 percent complete, respectively. Statewide, barley headed is 98 percent complete. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 30 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 32 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were rated 31 percent very short, 54 percent short, and 15 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 28 percent very poor, 57 percent poor, 13 percent fair, and 2 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	43	32	49	50
3 rd cutting harvested	--	NA	--	NA
Barley				
Headed	98	93	NA	NA
Harvested for grain	--	--	4	12
Corn				
Silked	12	2	1	7
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	94	90	82	NA
2 nd cutting harvested	11	11	NA	NA
Tart cherries				
Harvested	68	49	38	21
Winter wheat				
Harvested	15	2	5	15

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	6.6	7	7	6.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	41	32	16	11
Short	54	54	40	40
Adequate	5	14	44	49
Surplus	--	--	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	40	31	20	10
Short	40	42	40	36
Adequate	20	27	40	54
Surplus	--	--	--	--

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	11	3	--	NA
Poor	15	13	1	NA
Fair	28	27	23	NA
Good.....	46	55	62	NA
Excellent	--	2	14	NA
Barley				
Very poor	9	--	--	--
Poor	14	19	--	1
Fair	37	46	45	23
Good.....	40	32	52	61
Excellent	--	3	3	15
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	4	4	4	1
Fair	28	23	33	21
Good.....	62	67	59	68
Excellent	6	6	4	10
Other hay				
Very poor	12	9	--	NA
Poor	16	16	1	NA
Fair	27	29	26	NA
Good.....	45	45	70	NA
Excellent	--	1	3	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	25	31	11	6
Poor.....	47	43	14	13
Fair.....	26	24	42	35
Good.....	2	2	32	39
Excellent.....	--	--	1	7
Winter wheat				
Very poor	17	17	5	4
Poor.....	37	35	12	14
Fair.....	27	30	42	33
Good.....	13	12	33	41
Excellent.....	6	6	8	8
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	8	4	--	--
Poor.....	11	9	1	1
Fair.....	36	37	17	16
Good.....	45	47	70	72
Excellent.....	--	3	12	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	7	2	--	--
Poor.....	10	11	--	1
Fair.....	35	41	14	19
Good.....	48	43	71	68
Excellent.....	--	3	15	12

NA – not available

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