



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 8, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Parts of Utah received rain this week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus increased from 23 percent last week to 28 percent this week. Reporters from Box Elder county have indicated that there have been hit and miss thunderstorms, with some areas receiving heavy rainfall and others receiving none. Farmers in Box Elder county are nearing the end of their wheat and barley harvests. Fruits and vegetables are also being harvested in Box Elder county, with peaches, watermelons, sweet corn, and tomatoes appearing in stands. It was reported that onions are looking good in Box Elder county and that the heat is causing them to mature fast. Reports have indicated that storms have improved pasture and rangeland in both Box Elder county and Beaver county. Sources from Utah county reported that a haystack fire worsened the existing hay shortage. The second cuttings of alfalfa hay and other hay are 86 percent and 45 percent complete, respectively. The third cutting of alfalfa hay is 19 percent complete. Statewide, the barley harvest is 54 percent complete. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 46 percent very short, 46 percent short, and 8 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were rated 47 percent very short, 41 percent short, and 12 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 36 percent very poor, 52 percent poor, 11 percent fair, and 1 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	86	75	87	88
3 rd cutting harvested	19	7	14	20
Barley				
Harvested	54	37	31	46
Corn				
Silked.....	60	45	36	61
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	45	29	16	44
Tart cherries				
Harvested	95	92	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested	74	53	51	68

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	6.0	7.0	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	25	32	20	12
Short.....	47	45	43	39
Adequate.....	28	23	37	48
Surplus	--	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	28	29	13	11
Short.....	46	43	32	36
Adequate.....	26	28	51	52
Surplus	--	--	4	1

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	1	1	2	NA
Poor	12	13	4	NA
Fair	25	25	15	NA
Good.....	62	61	75	NA
Excellent	--	--	4	NA
Barley				
Very poor	3	3	2	NA
Poor	19	22	3	NA
Fair	52	43	33	NA
Good.....	23	29	59	NA
Excellent	3	3	3	NA
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	4	4	--	--
Fair	27	25	17	16
Good.....	59	61	78	70
Excellent	10	10	5	14
Other hay				
Very poor	6	6	4	NA
Poor	21	21	7	NA
Fair	39	36	16	NA
Good.....	34	37	68	NA
Excellent	--	--	5	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	26	27	3	5
Poor.....	39	37	13	15
Fair.....	24	27	40	35
Good.....	11	9	42	37
Excellent.....	--	--	2	8
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	8	8	--	1
Fair.....	33	35	14	15
Good.....	57	55	79	71
Excellent.....	1	1	7	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	1	1	1	--
Poor.....	6	8	2	1
Fair.....	40	35	15	19
Good.....	50	53	70	67
Excellent.....	3	3	12	13

NA – not available

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