



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 22, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler temperatures along with monsoon rainstorms improved soil moisture throughout the state last 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 24 percent last week to 35 percent this week. Beaver county reports their third cutting of alfalfa hay was halted due to the monsoon moisture. Box Elder county reports farmers were busy baling alfalfa hay even though some was wet due to this week's moisture. Statewide, the third cutting of alfalfa is at 52 percent complete, ahead of last year's progress, and the second cutting of other hay is at 69 percent complete, ahead of last year's progress. Statewide, barley harvest and winter wheat harvest are at 82 percent complete and 89 percent complete, respectively, both ahead of last year's progress. Corn silking and corn dough are at 87 percent complete and 25 percent complete, respectively, both ahead of last year's progress. Beaver and Utah counties report this week's monsoon moisture improved pasture and range conditions. Due to dry conditions, cattle and sheep moved from pasture has started earlier, with an estimated 2 percent of cattle and calves and 3 percent of sheep and lambs moved from pasture. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 42 percent very short, 50 percent short, and 8 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were rated 37 percent very short, 46 percent short, and 17 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 36 percent very poor, 48 percent poor, 15 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				
3 rd cutting harvested.....	52	35	44	50
Barley				
Harvested.....	82	67	61	77
Corn				
Silked.....	87	74	75	NA
Doughed.....	25	8	22	32
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	69	61	37	65
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	89	83	80	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	2	1	1	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	3	--	3	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	4.9	7.0	6.9	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	20	26	23	16
Short.....	45	50	43	40
Adequate	30	24	34	43
Surplus	5	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	24	31	20	16
Short.....	41	45	33	37
Adequate	31	24	46	47
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	3	1	NA
Poor.....	9	14	5	NA
Fair.....	32	29	18	NA
Good.....	58	54	71	NA
Excellent.....	--	--	5	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	4	2	1
Fair.....	26	29	14	16
Good.....	60	57	71	68
Excellent.....	10	10	13	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	23	29	5	7
Poor.....	40	41	21	18
Fair.....	29	23	44	35
Good.....	8	7	29	33
Excellent.....	--	--	1	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	1	2	1	--
Poor.....	7	9	2	1
Fair.....	35	37	24	17
Good.....	53	51	66	68
Excellent.....	4	1	7	14
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	1	2	--	--
Poor.....	7	7	4	2
Fair.....	37	43	20	20
Good.....	48	42	62	62
Excellent.....	7	6	14	16

NA – not available

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