



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Pastures continued to dry out due to the hot and dry conditions 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, 67 percent of the state is experiencing exceptional drought (D4), 21 percent of the state is experiencing extreme drought (D3), and the rest of the state is in severe drought (D2). Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 46 percent last week to 39 percent this week. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa are 90 percent complete and 27 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay is at 83 percent complete, ahead of last year's progress. Box Elder county reports farmers are busy harvesting onions and the fourth cutting of alfalfa. Statewide, winter wheat planted and emerged are at 23 percent complete and 9 percent complete, respectively. Corn doughed and corn dented are at 82 percent complete and 39 percent complete, respectively, and corn mature is at 7 percent complete. Statewide, corn silage harvest is 24 percent complete, behind last year's progress. Box Elder county reports livestock are being moved from pastures earlier due to poor pasture and range conditions. Due to dry conditions, cattle and sheep moved from pasture are at 24 percent and 29 percent, respectively. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 40 percent very short, 50 percent short, and 10 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were rated 38 percent very short, 44 percent short, and 18 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 42 percent very poor, 52 percent poor, 5 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.....	90	86	94	91
4 th cutting harvested.....	27	21	28	43
Corn				
Doughed.....	82	77	87	NA
Dented.....	39	28	44	55
Mature.....	7	NA	NA	NA
Harvested for silage.....	24	17	31	27
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	83	81	82	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	23	13	NA	NA
Emerged.....	9	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	24	18	39	33
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	29	23	40	34

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.....	6.7	6.5	6.6	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	12	4	32	15
Short.....	49	50	40	29
Adequate.....	39	44	28	51
Surplus.....	--	2	--	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	22	15	30	16
Short.....	41	42	30	34
Adequate.....	37	41	39	49
Surplus.....	--	2	1	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	5	3	1	NA
Poor	11	9	6	NA
Fair	30	28	21	NA
Good	52	60	63	NA
Excellent	2	--	9	NA
Com				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	9	4	5	1
Fair	23	21	11	11
Good	60	65	71	68
Excellent	8	10	13	20
Pasture and range				
Very poor	23	19	12	11
Poor	43	40	28	22
Fair	30	33	41	35
Good	4	8	19	28
Excellent	--	--	--	4
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	5	3	1	--
Poor	8	7	4	2
Fair	37	36	23	18
Good	46	52	66	69
Excellent	4	2	6	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	4	2	--	--
Poor	8	6	6	3
Fair	39	41	26	22
Good	43	50	55	63
Excellent	6	1	13	12

NA – not available

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