



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Another week of very dry, warm weather along with smoke from California fires occurred 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 39 percent last week to 42 percent this week. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa are 95 percent complete and 32 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay is at 90 percent complete, behind last year's progress. Beaver and Box Elder counties report farmers are busy harvesting corn silage and the fourth cutting of alfalfa. Statewide, winter wheat planted and emerged are at 39 percent complete and 25 percent complete, respectively. Corn doughed and corn dented are at 90 percent complete and 51 percent complete, respectively, and corn mature is at 17 percent complete. Statewide, corn silage harvest is 40 percent complete, behind last year's progress. Beaver county reports livestock are being moved from pastures due to drought and poor pasture and range conditions. Due to dry conditions, cattle and sheep moved from pasture are at 30 percent and 34 percent, respectively. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 44 percent very short, 45 percent short, and 11 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were rated 38 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 24 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 49 percent very poor, 44 percent poor, 6 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 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested.....	95	90	NA	NA
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested.....	32	27	47	56
Corn				
Doughed.....	90	82	95	NA
Dented.....	51	39	58	71
Mature.....	17	7	29	NA
Harvested for silage.....	40	24	51	48
Other hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested.....	90	83	93	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	39	23	29	41
Emerged.....	25	9	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	30	24	50	43
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	34	29	51	45

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.....	6.9	6.7	7.0	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	16	12	32	16
Short.....	42	49	42	31
Adequate.....	42	39	26	50
Surplus.....	--	--	--	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	24	22	33	17
Short.....	45	41	27	33
Adequate.....	31	37	40	50
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)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor.....	4	5	1	NA
Poor .....	14	11	7	NA
Fair .....	37	30	24	NA
Good.....	44	52	63	NA
Excellent.....	1	2	5	NA
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	9	9	6	1
Fair .....	25	23	19	12
Good.....	58	60	64	67
Excellent.....	8	8	11	20
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	21	23	15	12
Poor.....	37	43	23	17
Fair.....	32	30	40	34
Good .....	10	4	22	33
Excellent .....	--	--	--	4
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	4	5	1	--
Poor.....	13	8	5	2
Fair.....	36	37	30	18
Good .....	44	46	57	68
Excellent .....	3	4	7	12
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	--
Poor.....	11	8	7	2
Fair.....	40	39	29	19
Good .....	40	43	49	65
Excellent.....	5	6	15	14

NA – not available

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