



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures along with limited precipitation occurred 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, 68 percent of the state is experiencing exceptional drought (D4), 20 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 42 percent last week to 38 percent this week. Statewide, the fourth cutting of alfalfa and the second cutting of other hay are 42 percent complete and 95 percent complete, respectively. Beaver and Box Elder counties report farmers are finishing their fourth cutting of alfalfa. Statewide, winter wheat planted and emerged are at 55 percent complete and 39 percent complete, respectively. Corn doughed and corn dented are at 95 percent complete and 61 percent complete, respectively, and corn mature is at 33 percent complete. Statewide, corn silage harvest is 50 percent complete, behind last year's progress. Box Elder county reports farmers are busy harvesting corn for grain. Corn being harvested for grain had just started at 17 percent complete by the end of the week. In Box Elder county, reporters noted that calves were being weaned and readied for auction. With continued dry conditions, cattle and sheep being moved from pasture were at 40 and 38 percent moved, respectively. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 38 percent very short, 50 percent short, and 12 percent adequate. Stock water supplies were rated 30 percent very short, 42 percent short, and 28 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 40 percent very poor, 49 percent poor, 10 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				
4 th cutting harvested.....	42	32	70	69
Corn				
Doughed.....	95	90	NA	NA
Dented.....	61	51	85	83
Mature.....	33	17	53	47
Harvested for grain	17	NA	NA	NA
Harvested for silage	50	40	71	69
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	95	90	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted	55	39	50	57
Emerged.....	39	25	23	22
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	40	30	61	53
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	38	34	72	57

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	6.5	6.9	7.0	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	12	16	37	13
Short.....	50	42	45	29
Adequate	38	42	18	54
Surplus	--	--	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	16	24	39	15
Short.....	51	45	29	31
Adequate	33	31	32	54
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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	4	4	NA	NA
Poor.....	10	14	NA	NA
Fair.....	35	37	NA	NA
Good.....	50	44	NA	NA
Excellent.....	1	1	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	9	9	5	1
Fair.....	25	25	16	13
Good.....	60	58	68	65
Excellent.....	6	8	11	21
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	17	21	20	10
Poor.....	39	37	29	19
Fair.....	34	32	35	35
Good.....	10	10	16	33
Excellent.....	--	--	--	3
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	3	4	1	--
Poor.....	8	13	4	3
Fair.....	34	36	27	19
Good.....	52	44	62	67
Excellent.....	3	3	6	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	2	4	--	--
Poor.....	7	11	7	3
Fair.....	39	40	28	21
Good.....	46	40	56	65
Excellent.....	6	5	9	11

NA – not available

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