



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Another week of cooler temperatures along with monsoon rainstorms which delayed small grain harvest and the third cutting of alfalfa hay 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 decreased from 56 percent last week to 47 percent. According to the United States Drought Monitor for August 18, 2022, 100 percent of the State continues to experience drought conditions. Extreme drought conditions are affecting 65 percent of the State, down fourteen percentage points from last week, and 4 percent of the State is facing exceptional drought conditions. The second cuttings of alfalfa hay and other hay are 88 percent complete and 65 percent complete, respectively. The third cutting of alfalfa hay is 12 percent complete. Statewide, barley harvest and winter wheat harvest are 82 percent complete and 70 percent complete, respectively. Corn silking and corn dough are at 77 percent complete and 14 percent complete, respectively. Due to dry conditions, cattle and sheep moved from pasture have started earlier, with an estimated 8 percent of cattle and calves and 15 percent of sheep and lambs moved from pasture. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 22 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 42 percent adequate, compared to 20 percent very short, 27 percent short, 47 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 9 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 57 percent adequate, compared to 11 percent very short, 30 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 14 percent very poor, 39 percent poor, 34 percent fair, and 13 percent good, compared to 18 percent very poor, 30 percent poor, 39 percent fair, and 13 percent good last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	88	83	NA	NA
3 rd cutting harvested	12	10	50	48
Barley				
Harvested	82	78	80	75
Corn				
Silked	77	73	85	85
Doughed	14	11	23	28
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	65	55	68	62
Winter wheat				
Harvested	70	65	88	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	8	7	2	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	15	10	3	NA

NA – not available
(-) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	5.4	5.9	4.9	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	13	13	20	18
Short	40	31	45	43
Adequate	45	48	30	38
Surplus	2	8	5	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	13	14	24	19
Short	40	35	41	38
Adequate	46	50	31	42
Surplus	1	1	4	1

NA – not available
(-) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	2	2	1	1
Poor	10	10	9	5
Fair	38	29	32	21
Good	46	46	58	66
Excellent	4	13	--	7
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	8	6	4	2
Fair	40	32	26	19
Good	48	49	60	64
Excellent	4	13	10	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor	6	10	23	11
Poor	20	26	40	24
Fair	30	29	29	33
Good	43	34	8	26
Excellent	1	1	--	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	1	--
Poor	7	9	7	3
Fair	23	22	35	22
Good	66	64	53	64
Excellent	3	4	4	11
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor	3	5	7	3
Fair	20	25	37	25
Good	74	67	48	58
Excellent	3	3	7	14

NA – not available
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