



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 28, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer temperatures along with monsoon rain 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 remained unchanged from last week at 47 percent. According to the United States Drought Monitor for August 25, 2022, 100 percent of the State continues to experience drought conditions. Extreme drought conditions are affecting 59 percent of the State, down six percentage points from last week, and 4 percent of the State is facing exceptional drought conditions. Beaver, Box Elder, Iron, and Sevier Counties have resumed their third cutting of alfalfa, but the past month’s monsoon moisture has affected hay quality, while improving pasture and range conditions. The second cuttings of alfalfa hay and other hay are 89 percent complete and 68 percent complete, respectively. The third cutting of alfalfa hay is 23 percent complete. Statewide, barley harvest and winter wheat harvest are 85 percent complete and 76 percent complete, respectively. Corn silking and corn dough are at 79 percent complete and 33 percent complete, respectively. Due to dry conditions, cattle and sheep moved from pasture have started earlier, with an estimated 10 percent of cattle and calves and 16 percent of sheep and lambs moved from pasture. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 14 percent very short, 35 percent short, and 51 percent adequate, compared to 22 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 42 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 29 percent short, and 65 percent adequate, compared to 9 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 57 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 21 percent very poor, 34 percent poor, 39 percent fair, and 6 percent good, compared to 14 percent very poor, 39 percent poor, 34 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	89	88	NA	NA
3 rd cutting harvested	23	12	65	62
Barley				
Harvested	85	82	93	85
Corn				
Silked	79	77	94	NA
Doughed	33	14	42	43
Harvested for silage	4	NA	NA	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	68	65	72	71
Winter wheat				
Harvested	76	70	94	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	10	8	5	3
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	16	15	6	3

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.....	6.1	5.4	6.9	6.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	14	13	15	16
Short	39	40	43	40
Adequate	46	45	37	43
Surplus	1	2	5	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	22	13	15	17
Short	33	40	42	38
Adequate	44	46	39	44
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	5	2	2	1
Poor	18	10	10	8
Fair.....	36	38	28	21
Good.....	37	46	60	61
Excellent	4	4	--	9
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	5	8	4	2
Fair.....	31	40	23	16
Good.....	54	48	63	65
Excellent	10	4	10	17
Pasture and range				
Very poor	5	6	27	13
Poor	17	20	45	24
Fair.....	37	30	26	30
Good.....	41	43	2	28
Excellent	--	1	--	5
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	2	1
Poor	6	7	6	4
Fair.....	18	23	34	23
Good.....	69	66	55	63
Excellent	6	3	3	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor	1	3	7	4
Fair.....	19	20	42	28
Good.....	76	74	43	57
Excellent	4	3	7	11

NA – not available
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