



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer 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. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 47 percent last week to 46 percent this week. According to the United States Drought Monitor for September 1, 2022, 100 percent of the State continues to experience drought conditions. Extreme drought conditions are affecting 58 percent of the State, down one percentage point from last week, and 4 percent of the State is facing exceptional drought conditions. Beaver, Box Elder, and Iron Counties report farmers were busy harvesting their third cutting of alfalfa. Box Elder County reports farmers are preparing fields for winter wheat planting. The second cuttings of alfalfa hay and other hay are 95 percent complete and 79 percent complete, respectively. The third cutting of alfalfa hay is 40 percent complete. Statewide, barley harvest and winter wheat harvest are 90 percent complete and 82 percent complete, respectively. Corn silking and corn doughed are at 90 percent complete and 50 percent complete, respectively, and corn dented is at 3 percent complete. Statewide, corn silage harvest is 10 percent complete. Due to dry conditions, cattle and sheep moved from pasture have started earlier, with an estimated 14 percent of cattle and calves and 18 percent of sheep and lambs moved from pasture. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 15 percent very short, 26 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared to 14 percent very short, 35 percent short, and 51 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 59 percent adequate, compared to 6 percent very short, 29 percent short, and 65 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 25 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 39 percent fair, and 7 percent good, compared to 21 percent very poor, 34 percent poor, 39 percent fair, and 6 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	95	89	NA	NA
3 rd cutting harvested	40	23	76	76
Barley				
Harvested	90	85	NA	NA
Corn				
Silked	90	79	NA	NA
Doughed	50	33	61	62
Dented	3	NA	NA	NA
Harvested for silage	10	4	7	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	79	68	77	80
Winter wheat				
Harvested	82	76	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	14	10	9	8
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	18	16	11	9

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	6.9	6.1	6.6	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	13	14	7	19
Short	41	39	48	41
Adequate	44	46	42	39
Surplus	2	1	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	23	22	15	22
Short	33	33	43	38
Adequate	44	44	40	40
Surplus	--	1	2	--

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	6	5	3	1
Poor	16	18	10	6
Fair	36	36	28	24
Good	35	37	59	61
Excellent	7	4	--	8
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	3	5	4	2
Fair	28	31	24	16
Good	57	54	62	63
Excellent	12	10	10	19
Pasture and range				
Very poor	8	5	21	15
Poor	23	17	41	24
Fair	36	37	29	30
Good	33	41	9	28
Excellent	--	--	--	3
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	1	3	1
Poor	2	6	7	3
Fair	23	18	35	24
Good	69	69	52	63
Excellent	6	6	3	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poor	1	1	7	3
Fair	21	19	42	30
Good	72	76	42	56
Excellent	6	4	7	11

NA – not available
 (--) – zero