



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Another week of dry, warm weather 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 46 percent last week to 35 percent this week. According to the United States Drought Monitor for September 6, 2022, 100 percent of the State continues to experience drought conditions. Extreme drought conditions are affecting 53 percent of the State, down five percentage points from last week, and 4 percent of the State is facing exceptional drought conditions. Beaver and Box Elder Counties report farmers were busy chopping corn for silage. Box Elder County reports farmers are busy harvesting onions and the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa are 59 percent complete and 5 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay is at 88 percent complete. Statewide, barley harvest and winter wheat harvest were both at 95 percent complete, and winter wheat planted is at 22 percent complete. Corn silking and corn doughed are at 95 percent complete and 64 percent complete, respectively, and corn dented is at 25 percent complete. Statewide, corn silage harvest is 17 percent complete. Due to dry conditions, cattle and sheep moved from pasture have started earlier, with an estimated 17 percent of cattle and calves and 21 percent of sheep and lambs moved from pasture. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 9 percent very short, 23 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus, compared to 15 percent very short, 26 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 53 percent adequate, compared to 7 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 59 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 27 percent very poor, 33 percent poor, 30 percent fair, and 10 percent good, compared to rated 25 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 39 percent fair, and 7 percent good last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested	59	40	85	84
4 th cutting harvested	5	NA	20	23
Barley				
Harvested	95	90	NA	NA
Corn				
Silked	95	90	NA	NA
Doughed	64	50	75	79
Dented	25	3	25	30
Harvested for silage	17	10	16	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	88	79	81	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested	95	82	NA	NA
Planted	22	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	17	14	17	19
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	21	18	21	20

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	7.0	6.9	6.5	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	21	13	4	16
Short	44	41	50	40
Adequate	35	44	44	43
Surplus	--	2	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	32	23	15	21
Short	32	33	42	38
Adequate	36	44	41	41
Surplus	--	--	2	--

NA – not available

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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	6	3	2
Poor	17	16	9	6
Fair	42	36	28	23
Good	32	35	60	63
Excellent	4	7	--	6
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	3	3	4	2
Fair	27	28	21	16
Good	57	57	65	66
Excellent	13	12	10	16
Pasture and range				
Very poor	8	8	19	13
Poor	24	23	40	25
Fair	34	36	33	34
Good	33	33	8	25
Excellent	1	--	--	3
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	3	1
Poor	1	2	7	3
Fair	22	23	36	25
Good	72	69	52	63
Excellent	5	6	2	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poor	1	1	6	4
Fair	21	21	41	29
Good	71	72	50	58
Excellent	7	6	1	9

NA – not available
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