



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cooler temperatures along with 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 increased from 35 percent last week to 45 percent this week. According to the United States Drought Monitor for September 15, 2022, 100 percent of the State continues to experience drought conditions. Extreme drought conditions are affecting 53 percent of the State, unchanged from last week, and 4 percent of the State is facing exceptional drought conditions. Box Elder County reports producers were busy with field preparation for fall winter wheat seeding. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa are 71 percent complete and 10 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay is at 95 percent complete. Statewide, winter wheat planted and emerged are at 37 percent complete and 9 percent complete, respectively. Corn doughed and corn dented are at 70 percent complete and 40 percent complete, respectively, and corn mature is at 10 percent complete. Statewide, corn silage harvest is 24 percent complete. Due to dry conditions, cattle and sheep moved from pasture have started earlier, with an estimated 21 percent of cattle and calves and 29 percent of sheep and lambs moved from pasture. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 11 percent very short, 26 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared to 9 percent very short, 23 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 49 percent short, and 44 percent adequate, compared to 7 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 53 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 20 percent very poor, 41 percent poor, 27 percent fair, and 12 percent good, compared to 27 percent very poor, 33 percent poor, 30 percent fair, and 10 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 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	71	59	89	90
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested.....	10	5	26	34
Corn				
Doughed.....	70	64	81	NA
Dented.....	40	25	37	50
Mature .....	10	NA	NA	NA
Harvested for silage.....	24	17	23	23
Other hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	95	88	83	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	37	22	22	NA
Emerged.....	9	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	21	17	23	31
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	29	21	28	32

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.....	5.9	7.0	6.7	6.4
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	12	21	12	16
Short .....	43	44	49	35
Adequate.....	44	35	39	46
Surplus.....	1	--	--	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	23	32	22	18
Short .....	39	32	41	37
Adequate.....	37	36	37	44
Surplus.....	1	--	--	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)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor.....	5	5	5	1
Poor.....	16	17	11	7
Fair.....	38	42	30	24
Good.....	40	32	52	60
Excellent.....	1	4	2	8
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	3	9	3
Fair.....	25	27	23	13
Good.....	66	57	60	65
Excellent.....	7	13	8	19
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	9	8	23	14
Poor.....	23	24	43	27
Fair.....	35	34	30	34
Good.....	33	33	4	22
Excellent.....	--	1	--	3
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	1	--	5	1
Poor.....	6	1	8	3
Fair.....	19	22	37	23
Good.....	72	72	46	65
Excellent.....	2	5	4	8
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	1
Poor.....	3	1	8	4
Fair.....	29	21	39	27
Good.....	63	71	43	58
Excellent.....	5	7	6	10

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero