



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork in Utah, down from 6.7 days the previous week. The State experienced high activity of precipitation, and temperatures were normal statewide. In northern Utah, several periods of scattered rain showers continued to fall. Some places reported afternoon hailstorms damaging crops. Hay crops were rained on and have been difficult to get dry. Some producers were waiting for the rain to pass before cutting. In Box Elder County, farmers were able to continue with their field work in between scattered rain showers throughout the week. Scattered locations within the county experienced larger amounts of rainfall than others. Farmers reported that the first cutting of hay was difficult to get dry, and some hay had been bleached and rained on. Farmers were applying fertilizer and sprays as they marked out the fields in preparation for the first irrigation of the season. Livestock producers were able to move most of their livestock to summer ranges. Many sheep producers were done with lambing, and were moving their flocks to summer ranges. Irrigated crops were looking good and some of the winter wheat crops, that were not affected by snowmold, were looking excellent. In western Utah, stormy weather forced producers to wait or risk getting their cut hay rained on. High winds and dry, warm weather settled in late in the week. In Sevier County, most of the first crop alfalfa hay had significant rain damage and high, daily humidity increased drying time. The quality of some hay was reported to be overly mature for dairy cow feed since the cuttings were delayed due to the rainfall. In Summit County, hay was unable to be cut due to daily rainfall. It was reported that there was an abundant amount of toxic pasture plants. In southwestern Utah, some areas experienced heavier rainfall with thunderstorms, while other areas remained relatively dry. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 10 percent very short, 31 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 4 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 1 percent poor, 5 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 41 percent excellent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	57	43	61	60
Barley				
Headed	45	27	46	48
Corn				
Planted	95	93	96	NA
Emerged	86	81	93	82
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	44	22	56	47
Winter wheat				
Headed	68	51	88	80
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture	98	93	94	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled – range flock	94	93	NA	NA
Moved to pasture	90	87	NA	NA
Sheep shorn – range flock	92	92	NA	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.3	6.7	6.3	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	2	3	20	17
Short	20	21	32	35
Adequate	72	68	48	47
Surplus	6	8	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	2	2	15	15
Short	16	17	43	31
Adequate	73	64	42	52
Surplus	9	17	--	2

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	1	1	1	--
Poor	2	2	8	7
Fair	29	20	30	27
Good	59	61	44	56
Excellent	9	16	17	10
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	2	2	4	4
Fair	18	21	36	26
Good	73	70	46	53
Excellent	7	7	14	17
Corn				
Very poor	2	1	--	--
Poor	3	3	3	3
Fair	25	21	34	27
Good	65	70	52	62
Excellent	5	5	11	8
Other hay				
Very poor	1	--	4	2
Poor	2	3	13	10
Fair	24	28	43	24
Good	63	58	38	54
Excellent	10	11	2	10
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	2	3	9
Poor.....	2	7	37	24
Fair.....	20	27	39	29
Good.....	65	56	20	29
Excellent.....	12	8	1	9
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	7	7	8	9
Poor.....	12	14	11	19
Fair.....	39	31	30	29
Good.....	32	39	40	30
Excellent.....	10	9	11	13
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	2	5	3
Fair.....	23	27	28	22
Good.....	64	62	59	65
Excellent.....	12	9	8	10
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	--
Poor.....	3	3	6	3
Fair.....	44	41	30	24
Good.....	42	41	55	63
Excellent.....	11	14	9	10

NA – not available

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