



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 2, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Drier weather and warm temperatures accelerated hay harvest and crop development, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. According to the United States Drought Monitor released June 29, 2023, forty-eight percent of the State was experiencing abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions. Thirty-eight percent of the State was rated as abnormally dry and 10 percent rated in moderate drought, both unchanged from the prior week. Box Elder County reported limited sweet cherry harvest began and tart cherries were starting to color. The second cutting of alfalfa also began. Small grains continued to progress, and irrigated corn was growing quickly in the warm weather. Pastures and ranges were notably greener than usual given recent precipitation. In Tooele County, higher incidences of grasshoppers were reported. Millard County reported that windy conditions depleted topsoil moisture, and hay harvest was a little behind for some producers. Carbon County noted many livestock producers finished moving stock to higher elevation pastures. Hay harvest also picked up. In Washington County, hot temperatures stressed crops and pushed small grain harvest progress. Corn was progressing quickly in the County. Beaver County reported first cutting of alfalfa was nearly complete and producers were cutting grass hay. Livestock were reportedly in good condition.

Statewide, the first cutting of alfalfa hay and the first cutting of other hay were 92 percent complete and 80 percent complete, respectively. The second cuttings of alfalfa hay and other hay were 5 and 3 percent complete, respectively. Barley headed was at 80 percent complete and barley harvested at 1 percent complete. Winter wheat headed was at 99 percent complete and winter wheat harvested at 1 percent complete. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 22 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent very short, 29 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 94 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent poor, 14 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 29 percent excellent, compared with 9 percent fair, 54 percent good, and 37 percent excellent last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	92	84	89	86
2 nd cutting harvested	5	1	5	NA
Barley				
Headed	80	65	82	77
Harvested.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Corn				
Silked	1	NA	--	NA
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	80	69	81	71
2 nd cutting harvested	3	NA	3	NA
Tart Cherries				
Harvested.....	1	--	--	4
Winter wheat				
Headed	99	85	NA	NA
Harvested.....	1	NA	--	1

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.....	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	3	1	26	19
Short.....	29	29	37	40
Adequate	62	64	37	41
Surplus	6	6	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	3	--	20	19
Short.....	21	16	43	36
Adequate	71	76	37	44
Surplus	5	8	--	1

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	--	--
Poor	1	1	4	8
Fair	25	26	29	27
Good	59	60	52	57
Excellent	14	12	15	8
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	2	--	4	5
Fair	17	15	24	27
Good	78	78	44	50
Excellent	3	7	28	18
Corn				
Very poor	1	--	--	--
Poor	5	1	5	4
Fair	24	16	48	27
Good	63	73	39	58
Excellent	7	10	8	11
Other hay				
Very poor	1	--	2	2
Poor	1	1	9	8
Fair	27	20	39	28
Good	56	63	49	54
Excellent	15	16	1	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	--	11	12
Poor.....	1	1	28	21
Fair.....	28	20	27	29
Good.....	60	63	34	30
Excellent.....	10	16	--	8
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	7	2	12	9
Poor.....	8	9	26	22
Fair.....	33	42	20	29
Good.....	43	41	26	27
Excellent.....	9	6	16	13
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	6	4
Fair.....	25	19	22	19
Good.....	61	68	65	67
Excellent.....	13	13	7	10
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	--	1	2
Fair.....	36	36	29	24
Good.....	45	49	60	64
Excellent.....	17	15	10	10

NA – not available

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