



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 9, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer temperatures and dry weather has continued to stay in line with typical July conditions, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Utah, unchanged from 7.0 days the previous week. The State experienced precipitation in only a few areas. In northern Utah, there was a good week of weather and very little precipitation. The precipitation continues to contribute to good crop conditions. However, with the precipitation that was present, barely and wheat have not been able to dry for harvest. In Box Elder County, farmers were able to make good progress on the second cutting of alfalfa. Irrigation continued on the corn with most fields being irrigated for the first or second time. Fruit harvest has been underway with cherries being picked. In western Utah, the dry weather was beginning to quickly dry the soil moisture. The topsoil has become very dry for many producers. With dry topsoils, high winds created blowing dust in the air. In Millard County, rangelands continued to look good as grass has become tall and healthy. Although conditions have been dry, it had been reported that there was still enough water for livestock to drink and green grasses for grazing. Eastern and southwestern Utah also remained relatively dry. In Beaver County, Mormon crickets have been invading crop and range ground in the county. Tomato horn worms have also been observed in grain fields. Alfalfa and corn have been doing well in the county. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 20 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 22 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 3 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 1 percent short, 94 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent poor, 10 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 28 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent poor, 14 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 29 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.....	95	92	94	NA
2 nd cutting harvested.....	21	5	18	22
Barley				
Headed.....	98	80	82	86
Harvested.....	2	1	2	NA
Corn				
Silked.....	6	1	--	NA
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	93	80	88	80
2 nd cutting harvested.....	7	3	7	NA
Tart Cherries				
Harvested.....	2	1	--	13
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	2	1	3	3

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	7.0	6.9	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	3	28	20
Short.....	30	29	43	41
Adequate.....	61	62	29	39
Surplus.....	3	6	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	3	19	19
Short.....	20	21	41	36
Adequate.....	72	71	40	45
Surplus.....	4	5	--	--

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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	3	1	11	8
Fair.....	34	25	36	29
Good.....	53	59	46	56
Excellent	9	14	7	6
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	2	2	--	5
Fair.....	18	17	32	32
Good.....	73	78	46	48
Excellent	7	3	22	15
Corn				
Very poor	1	1	--	--
Poor	3	5	1	3
Fair.....	31	24	44	26
Good.....	59	63	41	62
Excellent	6	7	14	9
Other hay				
Very poor	1	1	--	2
Poor	4	1	2	7
Fair.....	36	27	37	25
Good.....	49	56	58	59
Excellent	10	15	3	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	0	1	11	12
Poor.....	2	1	24	23
Fair.....	31	28	27	28
Good.....	55	60	38	30
Excellent.....	12	10	--	7
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	8	7	14	10
Poor.....	12	8	17	19
Fair.....	37	33	22	29
Good.....	36	43	35	33
Excellent.....	7	9	12	9
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	11	5
Fair.....	32	25	19	19
Good.....	55	61	68	67
Excellent.....	12	13	1	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	2	4
Fair.....	39	36	22	22
Good.....	44	45	69	64
Excellent.....	15	17	7	10

NA – not available

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