



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 16, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Utah experienced average temperatures and limited precipitation, according to the Mountain Regional 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. As the State did not receive rain, crops were able to properly dry from the prior excess rain. In northern Utah, there was a good week of warm weather. In Box Elder County, the second cutting of alfalfa was under way. Much of the alfalfa crop was cut and dried in two to three days for baling. The corn crops looked good, and farmers have been irrigating as needed. Producers should be harvesting barley and wheat in the area soon. In western Utah, areas have been experiencing warm and dry conditions. Temperatures have continued to gradually increase. In the past week, average temperatures ranged from just below to well above normal. In Beaver County, the second cutting of alfalfa was progressing well. Livestock were doing well. Farmers have been continuing to encounter problems with Mormon crickets and grasshoppers. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 20 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 20 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 5 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 2 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 20 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent poor, 10 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 28 percent excellent last week.

### CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	33	21	31	38
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	1	NA	NA	NA
Barley				
Harvested .....	3	2	5	7
Corn				
Silked .....	8	6	2	5
Other hay				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting harvested .....	94	93	93	86
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	13	7	14	NA
Tart Cherries				
Harvested .....	6	2	13	25
Winter wheat				
Harvested .....	3	2	12	10

NA – not available

(--) – zero

### 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	6.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	5	6	32	21
Short .....	33	30	42	44
Adequate .....	58	61	26	35
Surplus .....	4	3	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	4	4	33	22
Short .....	23	20	39	38
Adequate .....	69	72	28	40
Surplus .....	4	4	--	--

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	1	2
Poor .....	6	3	12	8
Fair .....	32	34	30	26
Good .....	49	53	47	58
Excellent .....	12	9	10	6
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	2
Poor .....	2	2	3	4
Fair .....	15	18	38	33
Good .....	78	73	47	52
Excellent .....	5	7	12	9
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	--	--
Poor .....	3	3	3	2
Fair .....	31	31	36	27
Good .....	58	59	53	63
Excellent .....	7	6	8	8
<b>Other hay</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	1	3
Poor .....	5	4	6	7
Fair .....	34	36	29	26
Good .....	49	49	58	59
Excellent .....	11	10	6	5
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	1	0	11	12
Poor.....	3	2	30	24
Fair.....	36	31	26	30
Good .....	54	55	33	29
Excellent.....	6	12	--	5
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	9	8	16	11
Poor.....	8	12	19	23
Fair.....	33	37	32	32
Good .....	45	36	26	28
Excellent.....	5	7	7	6
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	1	1	2	4
Fair .....	30	32	24	22
Good .....	60	55	70	66
Excellent.....	9	12	4	6
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	2	2	3
Fair .....	42	39	29	23
Good .....	44	44	64	65
Excellent.....	13	15	5	8

NA – not available

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