



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 23, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm, dry weather across much of Utah provided excellent conditions for a bump in crop development and fieldwork activity, 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. Soils started to dry out. In northern Utah, there was a good week of hot, dry weather. In Box Elder County, the corn crop progressed, with most fields beginning to show signs of tassels and silking. Many of the wheat fields were looking ripe. Farmers were working on finishing up the second cutting of alfalfa hay. Counties in western Utah received the most precipitation during the week. Range forage looked excellent throughout the week. In eastern Utah, conditions continued dry. In Grand County, there has not been any significant rainfall since May. There was a late hatch of alfalfa weevil which caused severe damage to hay fields after the first cutting, stunting growth for several weeks. Temperatures in the area reached over one hundred degrees. Cattle and summer pastures have been in good condition, but forage was drying out quickly. In southwestern Utah, soil moisture is gradually declining. In Beaver County, the second cutting of hay was going well. Livestock were doing well. Irrigation water supply started to reduce. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 11 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 20 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared with 5 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 3 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 29 percent excellent, compared with 2 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 20 percent excellent last week.

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Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	41	33	44	54
3 rd cutting harvested	2	1	NA	NA
Barley				
Harvested	4	3	18	15
Corn				
Silked	33	8	16	16
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested	96	94	96	90
2 nd cutting harvested	26	13	22	NA
Tart Cherries				
Harvested	29	6	67	52
Winter wheat				
Harvested	4	3	23	24

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	6.7	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	6	5	32	22
Short	38	33	42	40
Adequate	53	58	26	38
Surplus	3	4	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	5	4	33	22
Short	29	23	38	38
Adequate	60	69	29	40
Surplus	6	4	--	--

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	3	2
Poor	3	6	9	8
Fair	27	32	31	23
Good	58	49	46	61
Excellent	11	12	11	6
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor	3	2	4	4
Fair	19	15	40	32
Good	70	78	48	53
Excellent	8	5	8	9
Corn				
Very poor	--	1	--	--
Poor	2	3	7	2
Fair	27	31	35	26
Good	56	58	50	61
Excellent	15	7	8	11
Other hay				
Very poor	1	1	7	4
Poor	4	5	11	9
Fair	31	34	31	26
Good	52	49	49	56
Excellent	12	11	2	5
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	1	16	14
Poor.....	6	3	32	21
Fair.....	36	36	24	30
Good	45	54	28	31
Excellent.....	11	6	--	4
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	8	9	16	8
Poor.....	10	8	15	21
Fair.....	40	33	38	34
Good	38	45	25	30
Excellent.....	4	5	6	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	4	4
Fair.....	27	30	30	23
Good	59	60	61	64
Excellent.....	13	9	5	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	1	5	5
Fair.....	40	42	33	27
Good	43	44	58	58
Excellent.....	15	13	4	9

NA – not available

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