



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 30, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Another week of limited precipitation and hot temperatures across Utah, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Utah, down from 7.0 days the previous week. Soils started to dry out. In northern Utah, temperatures were normal and ranged between 85 degrees and 65 degrees. In Cache County, dryland wheat and barley have been getting close to harvest. In western Utah, warm conditions provided favorable conditions for crop development. In Millard County, corn was highly variable throughout the county, and some were in the dough stage. Hay crops continued to be cut and bailed. Rangeland looked good from the desert to the mountain. Some producers have rotated to the next pasture. In Juan and Utah County, tart cherry harvest has been in progress for the past two weeks. Although a lot of cherries were still on the trees, but there has been progress on harvesting. Sweet corn reached the dough stage. Small amounts of green were left in wheat and barley. In eastern Utah, dry conditions persisted with no significant amounts of rain. In Grand County, apples were damaged by heat. Fruit trees have encountered problems with bores, voles, bears, and ground squirrels. Grasshopper damage has continued even at elevations of 7,000 feet. Some hayfields and gardens have been destroyed. Lakes have remained full. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 78 percent adequate, 11 percent surplus, compared with 11 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 4 percent short, 93 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 13 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 30 percent excellent, compared with 3 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 29 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	56	41	56	69
3 rd cutting harvested	3	2	3	5
Barley				
Harvested	5	4	44	30
Corn				
Silked	55	33	39	34
Dough	2	NA	NA	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	35	26	32	20
Tart Cherries				
Harvested	52	29	95	74
Winter wheat				
Harvested	9	4	42	40

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	6.9	7.0	6.5	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	7	6	28	18
Short	47	38	33	41
Adequate	44	53	39	41
Surplus	2	3	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	2	5	27	19
Short	38	29	40	39
Adequate	54	60	33	42
Surplus	6	6	--	--

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	1
Poor	3	3	7	8
Fair	24	27	22	22
Good	60	58	55	62
Excellent	12	11	15	7
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	1	3	4	6
Fair	13	19	43	33
Good	79	70	50	50
Excellent	7	8	3	10
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	2	8	2
Fair	24	27	28	23
Good	65	56	50	61
Excellent	10	15	14	14
Other hay				
Very poor	--	1	5	3
Poor	2	4	10	10
Fair	27	31	38	28
Good	61	52	43	52
Excellent	10	12	4	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	2	15	12
Poor.....	1	6	27	23
Fair.....	33	36	25	30
Good.....	54	45	33	30
Excellent.....	12	11	--	5
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	4	8	12	8
Poor.....	5	10	17	21
Fair.....	43	40	35	32
Good.....	44	38	28	32
Excellent.....	4	4	8	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	5	4
Fair.....	21	27	25	22
Good.....	68	59	64	65
Excellent.....	10	13	6	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	2	4	5
Fair.....	34	40	26	24
Good.....	52	43	67	60
Excellent.....	13	15	3	10

NA – not available

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