



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 6, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** The state of Utah experienced average temperatures and varying amounts of precipitation statewide, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. There were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork in Utah, down from 6.9 days the previous week. In northern Utah, higher levels of precipitation affected crops. In Box Elder County, wet storms brought plenty of monsoon moisture throughout the county. Most areas received 1 to 2 inches of rain, while others received up to 10 inches of rain. Some areas experienced flooding and crops such as wheat and alfalfa were affected. Some parts of the county received hail along with the heavy rain. Farmers are worried about sprout damage with the continual dampness and high humidity. Wheat harvest was well under way but was brought to a halt while producers waited for things to dry out. Alfalfa harvest was also put on hold. Most of the corn looked good and was tasseled and silked. Range land feed was excellent, and livestock looked good and were gaining well. In Cache County, some producers waited until after the storms to cut second alfalfa crop and the rain has slowed the small grain harvest. In western Utah, areas continued to experience average but higher amounts of rain this past week. In Millard County, there were monsoon rains on both the east and west sides of the county for 2 to 3 days. The wetting rain provided great moisture for mountain and desert pasture allotments. Producers who did not cut second crop hay were delayed by the rain. Producers have been concerned with corn pollination issues. In eastern Utah, the significant rainstorms aided in the extreme dry conditions throughout the area. In Grand County, extreme grasshopper damage to gardens and hayfields was reported. In southwestern Utah, conditions were favorable for crop development. In Beaver County, farmers finished second crop alfalfa cutting. Irrigation water started to decrease. Livestock were doing well. Stock water supplies were rated 8 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 4 percent short, 93 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 1 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 21 percent excellent, compared with 13 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 30 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 .....	70	56	71	81
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	7	3	8	12
Barley				
Harvested .....	22	5	67	45
Corn				
Silked .....	72	55	60	52
Doughed .....	8	2	NA	NA
Other hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	47	35	48	32
Tart Cherries				
Harvested .....	91	52	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Harvested .....	33	9	54	58

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 .....	5.2	6.9	5.6	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	3	7	20	18
Short .....	38	47	34	41
Adequate .....	53	44	39	40
Surplus .....	6	2	7	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	--	2	20	17
Short .....	29	38	39	39
Adequate .....	63	54	41	43
Surplus .....	8	6	--	1

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	3	1
Poor .....	7	3	9	7
Fair .....	32	24	26	22
Good .....	51	60	47	62
Excellent .....	9	12	15	8
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor .....	3	1	5	NA
Fair .....	12	13	43	NA
Good .....	80	79	49	NA
Excellent .....	5	7	3	NA
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	4	1	8	2
Fair .....	29	24	27	22
Good .....	58	65	50	63
Excellent .....	9	10	15	13
<b>Other hay</b>				
Very poor .....	1	--	5	3
Poor .....	3	2	12	11
Fair .....	32	27	39	29
Good .....	55	61	40	50
Excellent .....	9	10	4	7
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	1	--	11	11
Poor.....	2	1	26	23
Fair.....	33	33	30	31
Good .....	48	54	32	30
Excellent.....	16	12	1	5
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	8	4	12	NA
Poor.....	12	5	17	NA
Fair.....	41	43	35	NA
Good .....	35	44	28	NA
Excellent.....	4	4	8	NA
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	5	4
Fair.....	24	21	26	22
Good .....	64	68	63	66
Excellent.....	11	10	6	8
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	4	3
Fair.....	42	34	26	24
Good .....	45	52	66	64
Excellent.....	12	13	4	9

NA – not available

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