



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 20, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Warmer temperatures along with monsoon rain occurred throughout the State last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus increased from 63 percent last week to 70 percent this week. In Box Elder County, another good week of warm weather allowed farmers to continue the third cutting of alfalfa hay, barley, and winter wheat harvest. In Garfield County, the second cutting of alfalfa hay was still in the fields due to recent rainstorms. Statewide, the second cutting of alfalfa hay and other hay were 87 percent complete and 61 percent complete, respectively. The third cutting of alfalfa hay was 30 percent complete. Statewide, barley harvest and winter wheat harvest were 57 percent complete and 79 percent complete, respectively. In Millard County, producers were still concerned with corn pollination issues. Statewide, corn silking and corn dough were 88 percent complete and 38 percent complete, respectively. Reports from Box Elder and Millard Counties noted livestock on the summer range were doing well with plenty of feed supplies. Cattle and sheep moved from pasture started earlier, with an estimated 4 percent of cattle and calves and 2 percent of sheep and lambs moved from pasture. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 4 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 18 percent excellent, compared with 6 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 16 percent excellent last week. Stock water supplies were rated 10 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 13 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 2 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 13 percent excellent, compared with 2 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 15 percent excellent last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	87	81	87	NA
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	30	18	12	35
Barley				
Harvested .....	57	35	81	74
Corn				
Silked .....	88	81	76	81
Doughed .....	38	17	14	20
Other hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	61	50	64	58
Winter wheat				
Harvested .....	79	54	69	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture .....	4	2	8	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture .....	2	1	14	NA

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.....	6.5	6.9	5.4	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	--	13	18
Short.....	28	37	40	42
Adequate.....	69	62	45	38
Surplus.....	1	1	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	5	13	19
Short.....	25	26	40	38
Adequate.....	71	64	46	42
Surplus.....	3	5	1	1

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	2	1
Poor.....	6	6	10	7
Fair.....	29	33	38	25
Good.....	53	53	46	61
Excellent.....	11	7	4	6
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	4	3	NA	NA
Fair.....	14	15	NA	NA
Good.....	72	72	NA	NA
Excellent.....	10	10	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	--
Poor.....	--	2	8	3
Fair.....	26	28	40	23
Good.....	58	57	48	61
Excellent.....	12	9	4	13
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	1	6	11
Poor.....	4	4	20	23
Fair.....	37	38	30	32
Good.....	50	48	43	30
Excellent.....	9	9	1	4
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	7	4
Fair.....	19	24	23	23
Good.....	70	66	66	63
Excellent.....	10	9	3	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	3	4
Fair.....	39	41	20	22
Good.....	46	44	74	62
Excellent.....	13	13	3	12

NA – not available

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