



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 27, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures along with scattered afternoon rainstorms 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 70 percent last week to 80 percent this week. Reports from Beaver, Duchesne, and Millard Counties noted that the third cutting of alfalfa hay was still in the fields due to recent rainstorms. In Box Elder County, another good week allowed producers ample time to finish up the third cutting of alfalfa hay. In Grand County, producers were able to cut hay before afternoon rainstorms. In Summit County, recent rains storms affected hay quality. Statewide, the second cutting of alfalfa hay and other hay were 95 percent complete and 77 percent complete, respectively. The third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa were 35 percent complete and 1 percent complete, respectively. Statewide, barley harvest and winter wheat harvest were 70 percent complete and 87 percent complete, respectively. Corn silking and corn doughed were at 91 percent complete and 55 percent complete, respectively, and corn dented was at 10 percent complete. Cattle and sheep moved from pasture started earlier than normal, with an estimated 7 percent of cattle and calves and 6 percent of sheep and lambs off of summer grazing by week's end. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 4 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 27 percent excellent, compared with 4 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 18 percent excellent last week. Stock water supplies were rated 5 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared with 10 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 5 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 54 percent good, and 16 percent excellent, compared with 2 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 13 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 nd cutting harvested	95	87	89	NA
3 rd cutting harvested	35	30	21	49
4 th cutting harvested	1	NA	NA	NA
Barley				
Harvested	70	57	85	84
Corn				
Silked	91	88	79	87
Doughed	55	38	30	36
Dented	10	NA	NA	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	77	61	68	67
Winter wheat				
Harvested	87	79	75	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	7	4	10	4
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	6	2	16	6

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.....	6.2	6.5	6.1	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	2	14	18
Short.....	20	28	39	42
Adequate.....	76	69	46	39
Surplus.....	4	1	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	1	22	21
Short.....	16	25	33	38
Adequate.....	79	71	44	40
Surplus.....	5	3	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.....	2	1	5	2
Poor.....	6	6	18	10
Fair.....	29	29	36	25
Good.....	45	53	37	58
Excellent.....	18	11	4	5
Corn				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	5	3
Fair.....	32	26	31	20
Good.....	49	58	54	62
Excellent.....	15	12	10	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	5	13
Poor.....	2	4	17	25
Fair.....	31	37	37	33
Good.....	59	50	41	27
Excellent.....	8	9	--	2
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	2	1	6	5
Fair.....	23	19	18	24
Good.....	64	70	69	62
Excellent.....	11	10	6	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	1	4
Fair.....	30	39	19	27
Good.....	46	46	76	59
Excellent.....	22	13	4	10

NA – not available

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