



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Above average temperatures and weekend rainstorms occurred throughout the State last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions rated adequate to surplus increased from 80 percent last week to 84 percent this week. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were 47 percent complete and 3 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay was 85 percent complete. Statewide, the barley and winter wheat harvests were 80 percent complete and 95 percent complete, respectively, and winter wheat seeded for harvest next year was 7 percent complete. In Box Elder County, producers were irrigating corn, and planting winter wheat. Statewide, 95 percent of the corn crop was in the silking stage, and 64 percent was doughed. Corn dented was at 22 percent complete. Reports from Box Elder and Millard Counties noted livestock on the summer range were doing well with plenty of available feed supplies. Cattle and sheep moved from pasture started earlier than normal, with an estimated 9 percent of both herds moved. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 11 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 29 percent excellent, compared with 4 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 27 percent excellent last week. Stock water supplies were rated 3 percent short, 94 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 5 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 4 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 16 percent excellent, compared with 5 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 54 percent good, and 16 percent excellent last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested.....	47	35	38	66
4 th cutting harvested.....	3	1	NA	NA
Barley				
Harvested.....	80	70	89	NA
Corn				
Silked	95	91	88	NA
Doughed	64	55	48	52
Dented	22	10	NA	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	85	77	77	76
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	95	87	81	NA
Planted.....	7	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	9	7	13	9
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	9	6	18	11

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.....	6.5	6.2	6.9	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	--	13	20
Short.....	14	20	41	42
Adequate.....	80	76	44	37
Surplus.....	4	4	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	--	23	25
Short.....	17	16	33	38
Adequate.....	78	79	44	37
Surplus.....	4	5	--	--

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	2	6	2
Poor.....	6	6	16	9
Fair.....	37	29	36	27
Good.....	46	45	35	57
Excellent.....	9	18	7	5
Corn				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	3	2
Fair.....	32	32	28	20
Good.....	53	49	57	63
Excellent.....	10	15	12	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	8	16
Poor.....	4	2	23	25
Fair.....	39	31	36	32
Good.....	50	59	33	25
Excellent.....	7	8	--	2
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	2	2	4
Fair.....	30	23	23	27
Good.....	57	64	69	61
Excellent.....	12	11	6	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	2	1	4
Fair.....	39	30	21	29
Good.....	44	46	72	57
Excellent.....	16	22	6	10

NA – not available

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