



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 10, 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 conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 84 percent last week to 81 percent this week. In Beaver County, the third cutting of alfalfa hay was still in the fields due to recent rainstorms. In Box Elder County, producers were busy with the third cutting of alfalfa hay. In Washington County, recent rain storms affected hay quality. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were 60 percent complete and 8 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay was 87 percent complete. Box Elder County reported that barley harvest was delayed due to some green fields. Statewide, the barley harvest was 87 percent complete. Winter wheat seeded for harvest next year was 26 percent complete. Corn doughed and corn dented were at 76 percent complete and 41 percent complete, respectively, and corn mature was at 4 percent complete. Beaver and Box Elder Counties reported farmers were just beginning to chop corn for silage. Statewide, corn silage harvest is 1 percent complete. Cattle and sheep moved from pasture were estimated at 14 percent for both herds. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 9 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus, compared with 11 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 4 percent short, 93 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent short, 94 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 5 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 17 percent excellent, compared with 4 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 55 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.....	60	47	56	77
4 th cutting harvested.....	8	3	NA	NA
Barley				
Harvested.....	87	80	94	NA
Corn				
Doughed.....	76	64	62	71
Dented.....	41	22	22	25
Mature.....	4	NA	NA	NA
Harvested for silage.....	1	--	16	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested.....	87	85	87	83
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	26	7	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	14	9	17	18
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	14	9	21	21

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	6.6	6.5	7.0	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	3	2	21	19
Short	16	14	44	43
Adequate	77	80	35	38
Surplus	4	4	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	2	1	32	25
Short	21	17	32	37
Adequate	74	78	36	38
Surplus	3	4	--	--

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	2	5	2
Poor	2	6	17	9
Fair	32	37	42	28
Good	54	46	32	57
Excellent	11	9	4	4
Corn				
Very poor	4	4	--	--
Poor	1	1	3	3
Fair	26	32	27	18
Good	56	53	57	64
Excellent	13	10	13	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor	--	--	8	13
Poor	8	4	24	25
Fair	30	39	34	34
Good	52	50	33	26
Excellent	10	7	1	2
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	1	1	1	3
Fair	23	30	22	26
Good	63	57	72	63
Excellent	13	12	5	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	1	1	4
Fair	37	39	21	27
Good	45	44	71	60
Excellent	17	16	7	9

NA – not available

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