



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures, along with limited precipitation, 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 81 percent last week to 77 percent this week. In Box Elder County, producers were busy with the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay, although some fields were being chopped and stored in silage pits. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were 69 percent complete and 14 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay was 88 percent complete. Statewide, the barley harvest was 95 percent complete. Box Elder County reports producers were busy with field preparation for fall winter wheat seeding. Statewide, winter wheat seeded for harvest next year and emergence were at 52 percent complete and 15 percent complete, respectively. Corn doughed and corn dented were at 80 percent complete and 57 percent complete, respectively, and corn mature was at 18 percent complete. Statewide, corn silage harvest is 7 percent complete. Reports from Juab and Utah Counties noted livestock on the summer range were doing well with plenty of available feed supplies. Cattle and sheep moved from pasture were at 19 percent complete and 24 percent complete, respectively. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 10 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus, compared with 9 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 26 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus, compared with 4 percent short, 93 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Beaver County reports noted low irrigation water supplies. Statewide, irrigation water supplies were rated 8 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 26 percent excellent, compared with 5 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 17 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..... | 69 | 60 | 69 | 85 |
| 4 th cutting harvested..... | 14 | 8 | 9 | 27 |
| Barley | | | | |
| Harvested..... | 95 | 87 | NA | NA |
| Corn | | | | |
| Doughed..... | 80 | 76 | 69 | 82 |
| Dented..... | 57 | 41 | 38 | 44 |
| Mature..... | 18 | 4 | NA | NA |
| Harvested for silage..... | 7 | 1 | 23 | 21 |
| Other hay | | | | |
| 2 nd cutting harvested..... | 88 | 87 | 94 | 88 |
| Winter wheat | | | | |
| Planted..... | 52 | 26 | 35 | NA |
| Emerged..... | 15 | NA | NA | NA |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Moved from pasture..... | 19 | 14 | 20 | 30 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Moved from pasture..... | 24 | 14 | 28 | 34 |

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 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 6.6 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 2 | 3 | 12 | 18 |
| Short | 21 | 16 | 43 | 41 |
| Adequate | 72 | 77 | 44 | 41 |
| Surplus | 5 | 4 | 1 | -- |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 5 | 2 | 23 | 22 |
| Short | 21 | 21 | 39 | 37 |
| Adequate | 69 | 74 | 37 | 41 |
| Surplus | 5 | 3 | 1 | -- |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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 | 9 | 2 | 16 | 10 |
| Fair | 31 | 32 | 38 | 27 |
| Good | 47 | 54 | 40 | 56 |
| Excellent | 11 | 11 | 1 | 5 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | 4 | -- | -- |
| Poor | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Fair | 26 | 26 | 25 | 15 |
| Good | 53 | 56 | 66 | 67 |
| Excellent | 20 | 13 | 7 | 15 |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor | 1 | -- | 9 | 15 |
| Poor | 9 | 8 | 23 | 29 |
| Fair | 33 | 30 | 35 | 33 |
| Good | 44 | 52 | 33 | 22 |
| Excellent | 13 | 10 | -- | 1 |
| Cattle and calves | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | -- | 1 | 1 |
| Poor | 3 | 1 | 6 | 4 |
| Fair | 28 | 23 | 19 | 24 |
| Good | 54 | 63 | 72 | 65 |
| Excellent | 15 | 13 | 2 | 6 |
| Sheep and lambs | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | -- | -- | 1 |
| Poor | 4 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Fair | 34 | 37 | 29 | 27 |
| Good | 44 | 45 | 63 | 58 |
| Excellent | 18 | 17 | 5 | 9 |

NA – not available

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