



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler temperatures, along with rainstorms, halted fieldwork 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 77 percent last week to 85 percent this week. Beaver County reports farmers were busy harvesting corn silage, and the fourth cutting of alfalfa. Reports from Box Elder and Cache Counties noted that the third and fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was still in the fields due to recent rainstorms. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were 73 percent complete and 19 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay was 89 percent complete. Cache County reports producers were busy with field preparation for fall winter wheat seeding. Statewide, winter wheat seeded for harvest next year was at 63 percent complete, with crop emergence at 34 percent complete. Corn doughed and corn dented were at 83 percent complete and 67 percent complete, respectively, and corn mature was at 29 percent complete. Statewide, corn silage harvest is 15 percent complete. Corn being harvested for grain has just started and was at 1 percent complete by the end of the week. Growers began harvesting corn for grain during the week. Cattle and sheep moved from pasture were at 25 percent complete and 31 percent complete, respectively. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 7 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus, compared with 10 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 9 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus last week. Statewide, irrigation water supplies were rated 6 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 32 percent excellent, compared with 8 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 26 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.....	73	69	79	NA
4 th cutting harvested.....	19	14	19	39
Corn				
Doughed	83	80	79	NA
Dented	67	57	49	57
Mature	29	18	20	NA
Harvested for grain.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Harvested for silage	15	7	33	38
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	89	88	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	63	52	44	31
Emerged	34	15	17	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	25	19	25	41
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	31	24	33	44

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.....	5.3	6.8	5.9	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2	13	21
Short.....	14	21	34	37
Adequate.....	77	72	52	41
Surplus.....	8	5	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	5	15	23
Short.....	15	21	38	37
Adequate.....	78	69	46	40
Surplus.....	6	5	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	2	4	2
Poor.....	2	9	17	12
Fair.....	40	31	29	28
Good.....	45	47	49	54
Excellent.....	11	11	1	4
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	3	4
Fair.....	26	26	33	18
Good.....	60	53	57	65
Excellent.....	13	20	7	13
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	1	5	16
Poor.....	3	9	18	24
Fair.....	31	33	34	33
Good.....	53	44	42	26
Excellent.....	13	13	1	1
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	3	1	5
Fair.....	27	28	21	25
Good.....	58	54	75	62
Excellent.....	14	15	3	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	4	--	5
Fair.....	40	34	22	25
Good.....	42	44	72	59
Excellent.....	17	18	6	10

NA – not available

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