



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 1, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer 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 85 percent last week to 86 percent this week. Reports from Millard County noted that the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was still in the fields due to recent rainstorms, and the portion of the crop that was baled was rained on while the bales sat in the field waiting to be picked up for storage. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were 83 percent complete and 29 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay was 95 percent complete. Millard County reports producers were busy with field preparation for fall winter wheat seeding. Statewide, winter wheat seeded for harvest next year was at 74 percent complete, with crop emergence at 53 percent complete. Corn doughed and corn dented were at 90 percent complete and 76 percent complete, respectively, and corn mature was at 48 percent complete. Box Elder and Millard Counties reported farmers were busy harvesting corn silage. Statewide, corn silage harvest was 44 percent complete. Corn being harvested for grain had just started, and was at 7 percent complete by the end of the week. Cattle and sheep moved from pasture were at 40 percent complete and 42 percent complete, respectively. Hay and roughage supplies were rated 4 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 32 percent surplus, compared with 7 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were rated 9 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 9 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus last week. Statewide, irrigation water supplies were rated 5 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 39 percent good, and 37 percent excellent, compared with 6 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 32 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.....	83	73	89	NA
4 th cutting harvested.....	29	19	26	50
Corn				
Doughed	90	83	89	NA
Dented	76	67	59	69
Mature.....	48	29	37	35
Harvested for grain.....	7	1	3	NA
Harvested for silage	44	15	47	56
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	95	89	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	74	63	61	47
Emerged	53	34	36	20
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	40	25	38	50
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	42	31	44	53

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.4	5.3	6.5	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	12	16
Short.....	13	14	37	37
Adequate.....	80	77	50	45
Surplus.....	6	8	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	1	20	20
Short.....	14	15	36	37
Adequate.....	81	78	43	43
Surplus.....	4	6	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.....	3	2	4	NA
Poor.....	4	2	12	NA
Fair.....	31	40	31	NA
Good.....	43	45	43	NA
Excellent.....	19	11	10	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	3	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	5	4
Fair.....	25	26	31	19
Good.....	54	60	48	62
Excellent.....	17	13	16	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	8	14
Poor.....	2	3	26	29
Fair.....	25	31	32	33
Good.....	62	53	33	24
Excellent.....	11	13	1	--
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	3	4
Fair.....	18	27	23	26
Good.....	67	58	67	62
Excellent.....	14	14	7	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	3	5
Fair.....	31	40	21	27
Good.....	48	42	67	60
Excellent.....	20	17	9	8

NA – not available

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