



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures and 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 increased from 86 percent last week to 92 percent this week. Box Elder County reported that onion harvest was almost finished. Beaver County producers had finished their fourth cutting of alfalfa. Reports from Box Elder County noted the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was delayed due to lack of drying conditions from morning dew and recent rainstorms. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were 91 percent complete and 39 percent complete, respectively. Statewide, winter wheat seeded for harvest next year was at 86 percent complete, with crop emergence at 66 percent complete. Corn doughed and corn dented were at 95 percent complete and 81 percent complete, respectively, and corn mature was at 62 percent complete. Beaver County growers had finished corn silage harvest. Box Elder and Millard Counties reported farmers were busy harvesting both corn for grain and corn silage. Statewide, corn silage harvest was 61 percent complete. Corn being harvested for grain was 18 percent complete by the end of the week. Cattle and sheep moved from pasture were both at 53 percent complete. Cattle and sheep receiving supplement feed started early, at 24 and 15 percent, respectively. Stock water supplies were rated 95 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus, compared with 9 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Statewide, irrigation water supplies were rated 11 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 41 percent good, and 28 percent excellent, compared with 5 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 39 percent good, and 37 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.....	91	83	94	NA
4 th cutting harvested.....	39	29	42	64
Corn				
Doughed	95	90	94	NA
Dented	81	76	63	80
Mature.....	62	48	52	53
Harvested for grain.....	18	7	9	NA
Harvested for silage	61	44	58	73
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	86	74	70	58
Emerged	66	53	47	30
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	53	40	47	60
Receiving supplemental feed	24	NA	15	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	53	42	51	60
Receiving supplemental feed	15	NA	20	NA

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.....	6.2	6.4	6.4	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	19	15
Short.....	7	13	40	34
Adequate.....	79	80	41	50
Surplus.....	13	6	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	1	29	19
Short.....	5	14	31	35
Adequate.....	87	81	40	46
Surplus.....	7	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.....	3	3	5	NA
Poor.....	5	4	21	NA
Fair.....	31	31	39	NA
Good.....	42	43	34	NA
Excellent.....	19	19	1	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	4	3	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	3	3
Fair.....	27	25	34	20
Good.....	48	54	55	63
Excellent.....	21	17	8	14
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	13
Poor.....	2	2	25	29
Fair.....	16	25	30	32
Good.....	71	62	40	25
Excellent.....	11	11	2	1
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	6	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	8	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	48	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	29	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	9	NA	NA	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	1	1	4
Fair.....	9	18	24	25
Good.....	70	67	71	62
Excellent.....	19	14	4	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	1	1	4
Fair.....	22	31	25	28
Good.....	52	48	67	58
Excellent.....	24	20	7	10

NA – not available

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