



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 15, 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 decreased from 92 percent last week to 81 percent this week. Grand County producers had finished their fourth cutting of alfalfa. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were 95 percent complete and 43 percent complete, respectively. Washington County reports noted producers were busy with field preparation for fall winter wheat seeding. Statewide, winter wheat seeded for harvest next year was at 95 percent complete, with crop emergence at 73 percent complete. Corn dented and corn mature were at 85 percent complete and 70 percent complete, respectively. Cache County reports corn silage and safflower harvest were delayed due to recent rainstorms. Beaver and Box Elder Counties reported farmers were busy harvesting corn for grain. Statewide, corn silage harvest was 71 percent complete. Corn being harvested for grain was 26 percent complete by the end of the week. Box Elder County reporters noted that calves were being weaned and readied for auction. Cattle and sheep moved from pasture were at 62 percent complete and 66 percent complete, respectively. Cattle and sheep receiving supplement feed started early, at 32 and 22 percent, respectively. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent short, 95 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared with 95 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus last week. Statewide, irrigation water supplies were rated 9 percent poor, 13 percent fair, 50 percent good, and 28 percent excellent, compared with 11 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 41 percent good, and 28 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.....	95	91	NA	NA
4 th cutting harvested.....	43	39	49	73
Corn				
Dented.....	85	81	69	NA
Mature.....	70	62	58	65
Harvested for grain.....	26	18	22	NA
Harvested for silage.....	71	61	63	NA
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	95	86	79	68
Emerged.....	73	66	57	40
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture.....	62	53	52	67
Receiving supplemental feed.....	32	24	16	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture.....	66	53	55	65
Receiving supplemental feed.....	22	15	17	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.....	5.6	6.2	6.8	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	1	14	12
Short.....	9	7	36	33
Adequate.....	70	79	50	53
Surplus.....	11	13	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	1	20	15
Short.....	6	5	35	35
Adequate.....	78	87	44	50
Surplus.....	7	7	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.....	1	3	4	NA
Poor.....	4	5	17	NA
Fair.....	35	31	39	NA
Good.....	43	42	30	NA
Excellent.....	17	19	10	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	1	4	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	3	3
Fair.....	23	27	25	20
Good.....	57	48	58	63
Excellent.....	18	21	14	14
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	7	14
Poor.....	8	2	30	30
Fair.....	20	16	30	33
Good.....	62	71	31	21
Excellent.....	10	11	2	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	6	4	NA
Poor.....	14	8	9	NA
Fair.....	40	48	37	NA
Good.....	33	29	48	NA
Excellent.....	11	9	2	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	8	2	5	5
Fair.....	12	9	24	28
Good.....	61	70	65	58
Excellent.....	19	19	5	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	4	2	1	4
Fair.....	15	22	24	29
Good.....	55	52	65	56
Excellent.....	26	24	10	11

NA – not available

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