



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Warmer 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 81 percent last week to 85 percent this week. Statewide, the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 50 percent complete. Statewide, winter wheat emergence was at 86 percent complete. Corn dented and corn mature were at 90 percent complete and 76 percent complete, respectively. Box Elder County reports noted farmers were running high moisture corn through driers to reduce moisture levels before storage. Statewide, corn silage harvest was 77 percent complete. Corn being harvested for grain was 37 percent complete by the end of the week. Cattle and sheep moved from pasture were at 71 percent complete and 73 percent complete, respectively. Cattle and sheep receiving supplemental feed started early, at 33 and 21 percent, respectively. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent short, 95 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent short, 95 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus last week. Statewide, irrigation water supplies were rated 7 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 54 percent good, and 28 percent excellent, compared with 9 percent poor, 13 percent fair, 50 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				
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	50	43	55	NA
Corn				
Dented .....	90	85	74	NA
Mature .....	76	70	62	74
Harvested for grain .....	37	26	32	36
Harvested for silage .....	77	71	69	NA
Winter wheat				
Emerged .....	86	73	62	49
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture .....	71	62	59	73
Receiving supplemental feed .....	33	32	23	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture .....	73	66	58	70
Receiving supplemental feed .....	21	22	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.....	6.9	5.6	6.4	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	10	10	11
Short.....	9	9	39	34
Adequate.....	75	70	51	54
Surplus.....	10	11	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	9	15	12
Short.....	7	6	41	38
Adequate.....	76	78	44	50
Surplus.....	10	7	--	--

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	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	4	4	NA	NA
Fair.....	27	35	NA	NA
Good.....	46	43	NA	NA
Excellent.....	22	17	NA	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	6	3
Fair.....	21	23	32	20
Good.....	63	57	52	65
Excellent.....	16	18	10	12
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	--	5	14
Poor.....	9	8	24	28
Fair.....	29	20	29	32
Good.....	53	62	40	24
Excellent.....	9	10	2	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	5	NA
Poor.....	10	14	9	NA
Fair.....	40	40	36	NA
Good.....	38	33	48	NA
Excellent.....	10	11	2	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	5	8	4	5
Fair.....	13	12	20	26
Good.....	61	61	72	59
Excellent.....	21	19	4	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	4	4	3	5
Fair.....	16	15	22	29
Good.....	54	55	66	54
Excellent.....	26	26	9	11

NA – not available

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