



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 4, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Producers Statewide dealt with above average temperatures and isolated rain showers last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Abnormally dry and moderate drought conditions continued to spread across the State, increasing from roughly 54 percent last week to just over 59 percent, with moderate drought conditions continuing to exist in most of Tooele County, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. The remainder of Utah was considered drought free. Topsoil moisture conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 62 percent last week to 59 percent as of August 4. In Millard County, the high heat and low precipitation had significantly dried out pastures and rangelands. Weekly rainfall totals across the State once again ranged from a trace to about 2 inches, depending on location, according to the National Water Prediction Service (NWPS). Several locations remained dry. Statewide, the second cutting of alfalfa and other hay progressed to 81 percent and 52 percent complete, respectively, with the third cutting of alfalfa progress reported at 7 percent. In parts of Duchesne County, a drop in alfalfa condition has been observed. Corn at the silking stage was reported at 65 percent, with 14 percent of the corn crop at the doughed stage.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 3 percent short, 95 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 4 percent short, 95 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 12 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 12 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 1 percent poor, 8 percent fair, 88 percent good, and 3 percent excellent, compared with 3 percent poor, 9 percent fair, 86 percent good, and 2 percent excellent last week.

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Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	81	67	66	74
3 rd cutting harvested	7	1	6	8
Barley				
Harvested for grain.....	46	27	17	34
Corn				
Silking	65	49	67	49
Doughed.....	14	5	6	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	52	38	44	30
Tart cherries				
Harvested.....	49	48	80	NA
Winter Wheat				
Harvested for grain.....	51	36	26	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.....	6.9	5.9	5.2	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	6	5	3	14
Short.....	35	33	38	39
Adequate	58	61	53	44
Surplus	1	1	6	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	5	3	--	13
Short.....	32	26	29	35
Adequate	62	70	63	50
Surplus	1	1	8	2

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	1	1
Poor	4	3	7	8
Fair	14	18	32	24
Good	77	75	51	60
Excellent	4	3	9	7
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	--	--	3	6
Fair	1	1	12	32
Good	98	94	80	54
Excellent	1	5	5	7
Corn				
Very poor	1	--	--	--
Poor	1	1	4	3
Fair	20	29	29	24
Good	77	68	58	60
Excellent	1	2	9	13
Other hay				
Very poor	1	1	1	3
Poor	4	2	3	9
Fair	11	10	32	29
Good	82	81	55	52
Excellent	2	6	9	7
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	8
Poor.....	5	3	2	17
Fair.....	20	18	33	30
Good	66	69	48	37
Excellent.....	8	9	16	8
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	3	2	8	NA
Poor.....	6	5	12	NA
Fair.....	12	11	41	NA
Good	71	65	35	NA
Excellent.....	8	17	4	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	1	3
Fair.....	4	5	24	22
Good	91	89	64	65
Excellent.....	5	6	11	10
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	3
Fair.....	12	8	42	27
Good	83	87	45	59
Excellent.....	4	4	12	11

NA – not available

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