



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures along with scattered afternoon 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 decreased from 75 percent last week to 68 percent as of September 8. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for September 5, drought conditions were present across more than 10 percent of the State, up from 5 percent last week. Abnormally dry conditions sat at 76 percent of the State, down 9 percentage points from the previous week. Reports from Beaver, Box Elder, and Millard Counties noted producers were just beginning to chop corn for silage. In Beaver County, producers were busy with the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay. In Box Elder County, producers were busy irrigating corn fields. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were 74 percent complete and 5 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay was 89 percent complete. Statewide, winter wheat harvest was 95 percent complete, and winter wheat seeded for harvest next year was 2 percent complete. Corn doughed and corn dented were at 74 percent complete and 16 percent complete, respectively. Statewide, corn silage harvest was 7 percent complete. Reports from Box Elder County noted livestock on the summer range were doing well with plenty of available feed supplies. Producers started moving cattle and sheep from pastures, with an estimated 7 percent of cattle and calves and 10 percent of sheep and lambs off of summer grazing by week's end.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 6 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 5 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 1 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 70 percent good, and 5 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 73 percent good, and 6 percent excellent last week.

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Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested	74	62	56	68
4 th cutting harvested	5	1	7	NA
Corn				
Doughed	74	66	73	67
Dented	16	7	36	18
Harvested for silage	7	2	1	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	89	84	86	81
Winter Wheat				
Harvested for grain	95	90	NA	NA
Planted	2	--	21	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	7	5	13	14
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	10	8	13	17

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	7.0	7.0	6.6	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	6	4	3	14
Short	26	21	16	38
Adequate	59	68	77	47
Surplus	9	7	4	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	3	--	2	17
Short	25	25	21	35
Adequate	63	66	74	47
Surplus	9	9	3	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	--	1	2
Poor	8	10	2	7
Fair	25	27	32	30
Good	64	61	54	55
Excellent	2	2	11	6
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	4	1
Poor	1	--	1	3
Fair	28	27	26	21
Good	67	70	56	61
Excellent	4	3	13	14
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	9
Poor.....	1	--	8	20
Fair.....	38	33	30	32
Good.....	57	66	52	35
Excellent.....	3	1	10	4
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	--	1	3
Fair.....	11	10	23	24
Good.....	81	83	63	64
Excellent.....	7	7	13	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	1	3
Fair.....	18	13	37	29
Good.....	76	82	45	57
Excellent.....	5	5	17	11

NA – not available

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