



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures with 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 68 percent last week to 74 percent as of September 15. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for September 10, drought conditions were present across more than 10 percent of the State, unchanged from last week. Abnormally dry conditions sat at 69 percent of the State, down 7 percentage points from the previous week. Reports from Summit County noted the first freeze, with producers finishing the third cutting of alfalfa hay. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were 80 percent complete and 8 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay was 91 percent complete. Statewide, winter wheat seeded for harvest next year was 10 percent complete. Corn doughed and corn dented were at 79 percent complete and 39 percent complete, respectively, and corn mature was at 8 percent complete. Statewide, corn silage harvest was 14 percent complete. Reports from Summit County noted calves and lambs were being readied for auction. Statewide, producers continued moving cattle and sheep from summer pastures, with an estimated 11 percent of cattle and calves and 14 percent of sheep and lambs off of summer grazing by week's end.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 8 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus, compared with 6 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 1 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent very short, 5 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 1 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 71 percent good, and 6 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 70 percent good, and 5 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	80	74	66	78
4 th cutting harvested	8	5	12	19
Corn				
Doughed	79	74	79	78
Dented	39	16	52	36
Mature	8	NA	14	NA
Harvested for silage	14	7	5	14
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	91	89	88	86
Winter Wheat				
Planted	10	2	45	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	11	7	18	23
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	14	10	21	27

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	7.0	6.8	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	3	6	2	13
Short	23	26	21	37
Adequate	65	59	72	49
Surplus	9	9	5	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	3	5	17
Short	20	25	21	35
Adequate	70	63	69	47
Surplus	9	9	5	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	3
Poor	10	8	9	9
Fair	21	25	31	30
Good	63	64	47	53
Excellent	5	2	11	5
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	1	1	3
Fair	25	28	26	19
Good	70	67	53	63
Excellent	5	4	20	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	10
Poor.....	2	1	9	22
Fair.....	33	38	33	33
Good.....	63	57	44	31
Excellent.....	1	3	13	4
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	1	3	4
Fair.....	9	11	28	24
Good.....	84	81	54	63
Excellent.....	7	7	15	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	4	4
Fair.....	15	18	34	28
Good.....	79	76	44	54
Excellent.....	5	5	18	13

NA – not available

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