



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Days suitable for fieldwork were limited due to cooler temperatures along with moisture throughout the state. The moisture has improved conditions for planting winter wheat. Farmers are busy harvesting corn for silage, onions, and safflower throughout the state. Stock water supplies were rated 15 percent very short, 32 percent short, and 53 percent adequate.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity                               | Current week<br>(percent) | Previous week<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alfalfa hay                             |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested ..... | 89                        | 83                         | 86                         | 80                          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested.....  | 30                        | 18                         | NA                         | NA                          |
| Apples                                  |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested.....                          | 48                        | 43                         | 34                         | 24                          |
| Corn                                    |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Dough.....                              | 89                        | 83                         | 90                         | 89                          |
| Dented .....                            | 50                        | 30                         | 48                         | 57                          |
| Mature .....                            | 15                        | NA                         | 7                          | 19                          |
| Corn Silage                             |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested.....                          | 30                        | 5                          | NA                         | NA                          |
| Oats                                    |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested.....                          | 92                        | 89                         | 90                         | 91                          |
| Onions                                  |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested.....                          | 45                        | 31                         | 32                         | 29                          |
| Other Hay                               |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested ..... | 95                        | 92                         | NA                         | NA                          |
| Peaches                                 |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Harvested.....                          | 88                        | 82                         | 72                         | 75                          |
| Winter Wheat                            |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Planted.....                            | 43                        | 21                         | 73                         | 49                          |
| Emerged .....                           | 8                         | NA                         | 37                         | 9                           |
| Cattle and calves                       |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Moved from summer range .....           | 21                        | 12                         | 5                          | 15                          |
| Sheep and lambs                         |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Moved from summer range .....           | 20                        | 15                         | 8                          | 15                          |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

| Commodity                        | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Days suitable for fieldwork..... | 5.2          | 6.9           | 6.4           | 6.3            |
| Topsoil moisture                 | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Very short.....                  | 10           | 14            | 4             | 9              |
| Short.....                       | 41           | 46            | 36            | 34             |
| Adequate .....                   | 48           | 40            | 59            | 56             |
| Surplus .....                    | 1            | --            | 1             | 1              |
| Subsoil moisture                 |              |               |               |                |
| Very short.....                  | 11           | 12            | 10            | 13             |
| Short.....                       | 44           | 49            | 33            | 35             |
| Adequate .....                   | 45           | 39            | 57            | 52             |
| Surplus .....                    | --           | --            | --            | --             |

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

|                                | Current week<br>(percent) | Previous week<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Corn</b>                    |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Very poor.....                 | --                        | --                         | --                         | 1                           |
| Poor .....                     | --                        | --                         | --                         | 2                           |
| Fair .....                     | 12                        | 13                         | 12                         | 20                          |
| Good.....                      | 77                        | 77                         | 62                         | 62                          |
| Excellent.....                 | 11                        | 10                         | 26                         | 15                          |
| <b>Pasture and Range</b>       |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Very poor.....                 | 1                         | 1                          | 1                          | 3                           |
| Poor .....                     | 10                        | 10                         | 10                         | 12                          |
| Fair .....                     | 38                        | 39                         | 41                         | 33                          |
| Good.....                      | 46                        | 45                         | 45                         | 46                          |
| Excellent.....                 | 5                         | 5                          | 3                          | 6                           |
| <b>Cattle and calves</b>       |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Very poor.....                 | --                        | --                         | --                         | --                          |
| Poor .....                     | --                        | --                         | --                         | 1                           |
| Fair .....                     | 11                        | 11                         | 16                         | 16                          |
| Good.....                      | 76                        | 76                         | 68                         | 71                          |
| Excellent.....                 | 13                        | 13                         | 16                         | 12                          |
| <b>Irrigation water supply</b> |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Very poor.....                 | 13                        | 13                         | NA                         | NA                          |
| Poor .....                     | 22                        | 23                         | NA                         | NA                          |
| Fair .....                     | 27                        | 30                         | NA                         | NA                          |
| Good.....                      | 38                        | 34                         | NA                         | NA                          |
| Excellent.....                 | --                        | --                         | NA                         | NA                          |
| <b>Sheep and lambs</b>         |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Very poor.....                 | --                        | --                         | --                         | NA                          |
| Poor .....                     | --                        | --                         | --                         | NA                          |
| Fair .....                     | 12                        | 11                         | 13                         | NA                          |
| Good.....                      | 74                        | 75                         | 80                         | NA                          |
| Excellent.....                 | 14                        | 14                         | 7                          | NA                          |

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Utah’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics by State/Utah/Publications/Crop Progress & Condition/2015/UT Weather 09202015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Utah/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/UT_Weather_09202015.pdf)