



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 16, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Across most of Utah, well above average temperatures with below average rainfall continued throughout the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Abnormally dry conditions persist in much of eastern and southern Utah, with moderate drought conditions existing along the Colorado border, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Topsoil moisture conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 77 percent last week to 67 percent. In Grand County, the hot and dry conditions led to several fires near Moab and Castle Valley. Statewide, the first cutting of alfalfa and the first cutting of other hay were at 54 percent and 45 percent complete, respectively. In Summit County, it was reported that alfalfa producers have mostly completed harvesting their first cut. In Box Elder County, producers have started to irrigate their alfalfa fields after their first cut. Statewide, barley emerged was at 92 percent complete with headed at 53 percent complete. Statewide, corn planting slowed down and did not increase, with 92 percent of the crop in the ground by week’s end; 84 percent was emerged, up from 69% in the previous week. In Box Elder County, producers have started to irrigate their corn crop for the first time this year. Winter wheat headed was at 87 percent complete, compared to 49 percent headed last week. In Beaver County, some producers reported a heavy grasshopper infestation in their fields. Cattle and calves and sheep and lambs moved to pasture were at 85 percent and 86 percent, respectively. Range flock ewes lambing were 86 percent complete.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 20 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 1 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 74 percent good, and 14 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 73 percent good, and 15 percent excellent last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	54	39	53	54
Barley				
Emerged.....	92	91	--	NA
Headed.....	53	40	40	39
Corn				
Planted.....	92	92	94	NA
Emerged.....	84	69	85	81
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	45	30	38	42
Tart cherries				
Harvested.....	2	1	NA	NA
Winter Wheat				
Headed.....	87	49	63	71
Cattle and calves				
Moved to pasture.....	85	69	97	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambing – range flock.....	86	83	94	NA
Moved to pasture.....	89	83	89	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.....	7.0	6.7	6.3	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	7	2	12
Short.....	25	16	20	30
Adequate.....	54	63	72	54
Surplus.....	13	14	6	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	1	2	12
Short.....	20	18	16	26
Adequate.....	64	67	73	59
Surplus.....	14	14	9	3

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	2	2	2	6
Fair	25	17	29	27
Good	63	66	59	56
Excellent	9	14	9	10
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	--	--	2	5
Fair	5	5	18	27
Good	85	81	73	53
Excellent	10	14	7	15
Corn				
Very poor	--	NA	2	--
Poor	--	NA	3	4
Fair	7	NA	25	27
Good	84	NA	65	62
Excellent	9	NA	5	7
Other hay				
Very poor	1	1	1	2
Poor	1	1	2	8
Fair	13	13	24	25
Good	70	70	63	56
Excellent	15	15	10	9
Pasture and range				
Very poor	4	2	1	7
Poor	3	2	2	19
Fair	20	19	20	26
Good	57	60	65	35
Excellent	16	17	12	13
Winter wheat				
Very poor	1	2	7	7
Poor	6	6	12	18
Fair	15	16	39	32
Good	58	58	32	31
Excellent	20	18	10	12
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	--	--
Poor	1	1	1	3
Fair	9	5	23	24
Good	70	72	64	63
Excellent	19	21	12	10
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	2	2	3	3
Fair	15	9	44	29
Good	58	67	42	57
Excellent	25	22	11	11

NA – not available

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