



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 14, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Excessive heat and below average precipitation were present across the State throughout last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Abnormally dry conditions across the State have increased to 33 percent, compared to 25 percent last week, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Topsoil moisture conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 77 percent last week to 69 percent. In numerous counties across the State, the extremely dry and hot conditions have contributed to significantly drier topsoil and an increased risk of fire danger. Meanwhile in Grand and San Juan Counties, the effects of the heavy rain in late June were still being felt. Statewide, the second cutting of alfalfa and other hay were at 19 percent and 4 percent complete, respectively. Statewide, barley harvested was at 6 percent complete. Winter wheat harvested was reported at 3 percent complete. Tart cherries harvested increased from 5 percent last week to 7 percent this week. Across Utah, corn silked was at 6 percent.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 5 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 19 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 2 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 10 percent fair, 79 percent good, and 11 percent excellent, compared with 2 percent poor, 10 percent fair, 70 percent good, and 18 percent excellent last week.

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Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	97	93	NA	NA
2 nd cutting harvested.....	19	6	30	33
Barley				
Harvested.....	6	--	3	2
Corn				
Silking	6	--	7	4
Other hay				
1 st cutting harvested.....	96	91	94	86
2 nd cutting harvested.....	4	--	11	NA
Tart cherries				
Harvested.....	7	5	5	22
Winter Wheat				
Harvested.....	3	2	3	5

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	7.0	6.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	2	5	19
Short	30	21	33	41
Adequate	56	57	58	39
Surplus	13	20	4	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	1	4	19
Short	22	16	23	33
Adequate	66	63	69	47
Surplus	11	20	4	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	1	3
Poor	5	8	6	8
Fair	11	12	32	27
Good	81	73	49	54
Excellent	2	6	12	8
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor	--	--	2	4
Fair	2	7	15	32
Good	93	84	78	54
Excellent	5	9	5	8
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	1	--
Poor	1	1	3	3
Fair	19	12	31	30
Good	75	77	58	60
Excellent	5	10	7	7
Other hay				
Very poor	1	1	1	3
Poor	1	1	5	6
Fair	6	11	34	26
Good	76	80	49	57
Excellent	16	7	11	8
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	2	1	10
Poor.....	2	2	3	19
Fair.....	16	10	36	28
Good	75	74	54	35
Excellent.....	6	12	6	8
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	2	9	9
Poor.....	5	4	8	18
Fair.....	10	8	33	33
Good	72	75	45	33
Excellent.....	11	11	5	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	2
Poor.....	1	1	1	3
Fair.....	6	5	30	23
Good	83	74	60	64
Excellent.....	10	19	9	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	1	3
Fair.....	10	9	42	26
Good	80	72	44	59
Excellent.....	9	18	13	11

NA – not available

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