



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 21, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Producers across Utah were busy harvesting hay, small grain crops, and tart cherries under mostly above average temperatures and isolated rainfall, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Abnormally dry conditions continued to spread across the State, increasing from roughly 33 percent last week to just over 53 percent according to the U.S. Drought Monitor released on July 18. The remainder of Utah was considered drought free. Topsoil moisture conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 69 percent last week to 60 percent as of July 21. Weekly rainfall totals ranged from a trace to about 2 inches, depending on location, according to the National Water Prediction Service (NWPS). Several locations remained dry. Comments from Duchesne and Millard Counties noted that warm temperatures coupled with high winds resulted in dry soils and deterioration of many pastures and rangelands. Statewide, the second cutting of alfalfa and other hay advanced quickly, with progress at 47 percent and 20 percent complete, respectively. Nearly a quarter of the corn crop had advanced to the reproductive silking stage. Reports from Box Elder County indicated that corn acreage in the area had rebounded from the late June frost, although yield reductions of 10-15 percent were expected for most damaged fields. Grasshopper pressure remained high in pastures, as well as in alfalfa hay fields and on tree fruit crops.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 5 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus, compared with 5 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 4 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 6 percent fair, 85 percent good, and 9 percent excellent, compared with 2 percent poor, 10 percent fair, 79 percent good, and 11 percent excellent last week.

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Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay 2 nd cutting harvested	47	19	39	45
Barley Harvested for grain.....	8	6	4	7
Corn Silking	23	6	26	13
Other hay 2 nd cutting harvested	20	4	22	NA
Tart cherries Harvested.....	36	7	22	42
Winter Wheat Harvested for grain.....	11	3	4	13

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	7.0	6.7
Topsoil moisture (percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	7	1	6	20
Short.....	33	30	38	39
Adequate	52	56	53	40
Surplus	8	13	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	1	5	19
Short.....	24	22	29	35
Adequate	69	66	60	45
Surplus	7	11	6	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	2
Poor	5	5	3	7
Fair	14	11	27	26
Good	77	81	58	59
Excellent	3	2	11	6
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor	--	--	3	5
Fair	4	2	19	34
Good	85	93	70	53
Excellent	11	5	8	6
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	3	1	2	3
Fair	25	19	27	27
Good	67	75	56	60
Excellent	5	5	15	10
Other hay				
Very poor	1	1	1	4
Poor	3	1	4	8
Fair	8	6	31	27
Good	73	76	52	5
Excellent	15	16	12	6
Pasture and range				
Very poor	--	1	2	11
Poor	--	2	6	18
Fair	10	16	36	28
Good	78	75	45	36
Excellent	12	6	11	7
Winter wheat				
Very poor	1	2	8	8
Poor	4	5	10	18
Fair	12	10	40	35
Good	63	72	38	32
Excellent	20	11	4	7
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	--	1	1	3
Fair	2	6	27	25
Good	86	83	59	64
Excellent	12	10	13	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	1	1	2	4
Fair	5	10	40	29
Good	87	80	43	55
Excellent	7	9	15	11

NA – not available

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