



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 28, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Producers across Utah continued to be 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 slightly from roughly 53 percent last week to just over 54 percent, with moderate drought conditions starting to appear in most of Tooele County according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. The remainder of Utah was considered drought free. Topsoil moisture conditions rated adequate to surplus increased slightly from 60 percent last week to 62 percent as of July 28. In Millard County, hot and dry winds have led to drier topsoil conditions. Weekly rainfall totals across the State again ranged from a trace to about 2 inches, depending on location, according to the National Water Prediction Service (NWPS). Several locations remained dry. In Box Elder and Cache Counties in northwestern Utah, over 2 inches of rain was reported. Statewide, the second cutting of alfalfa and other hay advanced quickly, with progress at 67 percent and 38 percent complete, respectively. Nearly a half of the corn crop had advanced to the reproductive silking stage, with 5 percent of the corn crop at the doughed stage. Grasshopper pressure remained high in pastures, as well as in alfalfa hay fields and on tree fruit crops. In Grand County, grasshopper damage has been extensive in areas above 7,000 feet.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 4 percent short, 95 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 5 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 12 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus, compared with 4 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 3 percent poor, 9 percent fair, 86 percent good, and 2 percent excellent, compared with 6 percent fair, 85 percent good, and 9 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	67	47	52	60
3 rd cutting harvested	1	--	3	3
Barley				
Harvested for grain.....	27	8	5	18
Corn				
Silking	49	23	49	31
Doughed.....	5	NA	NA	NA
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	38	20	32	19
Tart cherries				
Harvested.....	48	36	45	67
Winter Wheat				
Harvested for grain.....	36	11	8	25

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.....	5.9	6.9	6.9	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	5	7	7	17
Short	33	33	47	41
Adequate	61	52	44	42
Surplus	1	8	2	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	3	--	2	16
Short.....	26	24	38	38
Adequate	70	69	54	44
Surplus	1	7	6	2

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	3	5	3	7
Fair	18	14	24	24
Good	75	77	60	61
Excellent	3	3	12	7
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	--	--	1	5
Fair	1	4	13	34
Good	94	85	79	55
Excellent	5	11	7	5
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	1	3	1	3
Fair	29	25	24	25
Good	68	67	65	61
Excellent	2	5	10	11
Other hay				
Very poor	1	1	--	3
Poor	2	3	2	9
Fair	10	8	27	28
Good	81	73	61	54
Excellent	6	15	10	6
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	9
Poor.....	3	--	1	17
Fair.....	18	10	33	26
Good	69	78	54	41
Excellent.....	9	12	12	7
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	2	1	4	7
Poor.....	5	4	5	18
Fair.....	11	12	43	36
Good	65	63	44	33
Excellent.....	17	20	4	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	1	3
Fair.....	5	2	21	22
Good	89	86	68	67
Excellent.....	6	12	10	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	1	3
Fair.....	8	5	34	25
Good	87	87	52	60
Excellent.....	4	7	13	11

NA – not available

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