



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 18, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warmer temperatures coupled with monsoon rainstorms occurred throughout the State last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions rated adequate to surplus increased from 68 percent last week to 72 percent as of August 18. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for August 13, drought conditions were present across more than 7 percent of the State, down from 8 percent last week. Abnormally dry conditions at 82 percent of the State, were unchanged from the previous week. Beaver County reports noted that farmers busy swathing alfalfa hay then baling before the next rainstorms. In Grand County, producers have been concerned with corn pollination issues. In Millard County, the third cutting of alfalfa hay was still in the fields due to recent rainstorms limiting fieldwork. Statewide, the second cutting of alfalfa and other hay progressed to 89 percent and 66 percent complete, respectively, with the third cutting of alfalfa progress reported at 22 percent. Statewide, barley harvest and winter wheat harvest are 83 percent complete and 76 percent complete, respectively. Corn in the silking stage was reported at 79 percent, with 30 percent of the corn crop at the doughed stage.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 3 percent short, 95 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 2 percent short, 95 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 1 percent poor, 7 percent fair, 89 percent good, and 3 percent excellent, compared with 6 percent fair, 86 percent good, and 8 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	89	85	85	NA
3 rd cutting harvested	22	14	27	29
Barley				
Harvested for grain.....	83	75	51	64
Corn				
Silking	79	72	86	77
Doughed.....	30	19	32	17
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	66	57	58	52
Winter Wheat				
Harvested for grain.....	76	64	72	76

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.....	5.1	6.3	6.5	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	2	2	12
Short.....	27	30	28	37
Adequate	68	60	69	49
Surplus	4	8	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	3	1	12
Short.....	30	26	25	35
Adequate	68	65	71	51
Surplus	1	6	3	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	13	5	6	7
Fair	24	23	29	28
Good	59	68	53	58
Excellent	3	3	11	6
Corn				
Very poor	1	--	4	1
Poor	1	--	--	3
Fair	20	19	26	23
Good	77	80	58	60
Excellent	1	1	12	13
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	7
Poor.....	3	2	4	18
Fair.....	20	19	37	32
Good.....	68	71	50	37
Excellent.....	8	8	9	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	--	1	3
Fair.....	5	3	19	22
Good.....	91	88	70	67
Excellent.....	3	9	10	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	2	3
Fair.....	12	12	39	25
Good.....	82	79	46	60
Excellent.....	5	8	13	12

NA – not available

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