



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 25, 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Warm temperatures along with scattered afternoon 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 72 percent last week to 78 percent as of August 25. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for August 20, drought conditions were present across more than 5 percent of the State, down from 7 percent last week. Abnormally dry conditions at 85 percent of the State, were unchanged from the previous week. In Cache County, producers have been concerned with soft and hard white winter wheat sprout damage. In Millard County, very windy conditions along with past several weeks of moisture has affected quality for the third cutting of alfalfa hay. Statewide, the second cutting of alfalfa and other hay progressed to 95 percent and 76 percent complete, respectively, with the third cutting of alfalfa progress reported at 43 percent. Statewide, barley harvest and winter wheat harvest are 92 percent complete and 87 percent complete, respectively. Corn silking and corn doughed were at 85 percent complete and 54 percent complete, respectively, and corn dented was at 3 percent complete. Producers started moving cattle and sheep from pastures, with an estimated 3 percent of cattle and calves and 6 percent of sheep and lambs off of summer grazing by week's end.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 1 percent short, 97 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent short, 95 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 1 percent short, 97 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent short, 95 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 1 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 82 percent good, and 1 percent excellent, compared as 1 percent poor, 7 percent fair, 89 percent good, and 3 percent excellent.

### CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	95	89	93	NA
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	43	22	34	40
Barley				
Harvested for grain.....	92	83	66	77
Corn				
Silking .....	85	79	90	85
Doughed.....	54	30	50	33
Dented.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Other hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	76	66	72	62
Winter Wheat				
Harvested for grain.....	87	76	85	84
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture .....	3	--	6	4
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture .....	6	--	5	6

NA – not available

(--) – zero

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.7	5.1	6.2	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	1	--	13
Short.....	21	27	20	35
Adequate .....	77	68	76	50
Surplus .....	1	4	4	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	1	1	--	15
Short.....	23	30	16	31
Adequate .....	75	68	79	52
Surplus .....	1	1	5	2

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor .....	7	1	2	2
Poor .....	11	13	6	8
Fair .....	25	24	29	26
Good .....	55	59	45	56
Excellent .....	2	3	18	8
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	1	1	4	1
Poor .....	1	1	--	2
Fair .....	20	20	32	24
Good .....	77	77	49	59
Excellent .....	1	1	15	14
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	9
Poor.....	2	3	2	18
Fair.....	24	20	31	31
Good.....	72	68	59	37
Excellent.....	1	8	8	5
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	2	3
Fair.....	9	5	23	21
Good.....	89	91	64	66
Excellent.....	1	3	11	9
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	2	3
Fair.....	17	12	30	24
Good.....	79	82	46	57
Excellent.....	3	5	22	16

NA – not available

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