



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Warm temperatures along with limited precipitation 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 decreased from 78 percent last week to 75 percent as of September 1. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for August 27, drought conditions were present across more than 5 percent of the State, unchanged from last week. Abnormally dry conditions at 85 percent of the State, were unchanged from the previous week. Reports from Beaver, Box Elder, and Summit Counties noted producers were busy with the third cutting of alfalfa hay. In Beaver County, pastures were drying out due to lack of moisture along with low irrigation supplies. In Box Elder County, producers were busy with field preparation for fall winter wheat seeding. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were 62 percent complete and 1 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay was 84 percent complete. Statewide, barley harvest and winter wheat harvest are 95 percent complete and 90 percent complete, respectively. Corn silking and corn doughed were at 95 percent complete and 66 percent complete, respectively, and corn dented was at 7 percent complete. Statewide, corn silage harvest was 2 percent complete. Producers started moving cattle and sheep from pastures, with an estimated 5 percent of cattle and calves and 8 percent of sheep and lambs off of summer grazing by week's end.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 2 percent short, 90 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent short, 97 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 88 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent short, 97 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 1 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 73 percent good, and 6 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 82 percent good, and 1 percent excellent.

### CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	62	43	44	55
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	1	NA	2	NA
Barley				
Harvested for grain .....	95	92	77	NA
Corn				
Silking .....	95	85	94	NA
Doughed .....	66	54	61	50
Dented .....	7	3	19	NA
Harvested for silage .....	2	NA	--	NA
Other hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	84	76	83	73
Winter Wheat				
Harvested for grain .....	90	87	93	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture .....	5	3	8	8
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture .....	8	6	8	10

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	6.7	6.5	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	4	1	2	13
Short .....	21	21	14	36
Adequate .....	68	77	80	49
Surplus .....	7	1	4	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	--	1	1	16
Short .....	25	23	17	33
Adequate .....	66	75	78	50
Surplus .....	9	1	4	1

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	2	2
Poor .....	10	11	6	8
Fair .....	27	25	37	29
Good .....	61	55	46	55
Excellent .....	2	2	9	6
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor .....	--	1	4	1
Poor .....	--	1	1	2
Fair .....	27	20	32	23
Good .....	70	77	53	61
Excellent .....	3	1	10	13
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	9
Poor.....	--	2	4	20
Fair.....	33	24	39	33
Good.....	66	72	50	34
Excellent.....	1	1	7	4
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	1	1	2
Fair.....	10	9	30	26
Good.....	83	89	57	62
Excellent.....	7	1	12	9
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	1	3
Fair.....	13	17	39	29
Good.....	82	79	44	54
Excellent.....	5	3	16	14

NA – not available

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