



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler 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 decreased from 74 percent last week to 68 percent as of September 22. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for September 19, drought conditions were present across more than 10 percent of the State, unchanged from last week. Abnormally dry conditions sat at 69 percent of the State, unchanged from the previous week. Box Elder County reports noted farmers were busy harvesting corn silage, hauling onions to storage, and finishing apple and peach harvest. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were 86 percent complete and 16 percent complete, respectively, and the second cutting of other hay was 96 percent complete. Statewide, winter wheat seeded for harvest next year was at 36 percent complete, with crop emergence at 6 percent complete. Corn doughed and corn dented were at 92 percent complete and 68 percent complete, respectively, and corn mature was at 34 percent complete. Statewide, corn silage harvest was 33 percent complete. Corn being harvested for grain had just started, and was at 1 percent complete by the end of the week. Statewide, producers continued moving cattle and sheep from summer pastures, with an estimated 20 percent of cattle and calves and 25 percent of sheep and lambs off of summer grazing by week's end.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 8 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus, compared with 8 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 4 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 1 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 64 percent good, and 15 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 71 percent good, and 6 percent excellent last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
3 rd cutting harvested	86	80	72	NA
4 th cutting harvested	16	8	18	27
Corn				
Doughed	92	79	82	85
Dented	68	39	64	51
Mature	34	8	26	NA
Harvested for grain	1	NA	NA	NA
Harvested for silage	33	14	13	27
Other hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	96	91	89	NA
Winter Wheat				
Planted	36	10	60	34
Emerged	6	NA	29	NA
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	20	11	23	33
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	25	14	29	37

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	6.5	6.9	5.3	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	8	3	1	14
Short	24	23	14	32
Adequate	56	65	77	52
Surplus	12	9	8	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	8	1	1	16
Short	14	20	15	32
Adequate	68	70	78	51
Surplus	10	9	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	2	2
Poor	8	10	2	9
Fair	16	21	40	32
Good	65	63	45	53
Excellent	10	5	11	4
Corn				
Very poor	1	--	--	--
Poor	1	--	1	4
Fair	21	25	26	22
Good	69	70	60	61
Excellent	8	5	13	13
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	9
Poor.....	1	2	3	18
Fair.....	41	33	31	34
Good	54	63	53	35
Excellent.....	3	1	13	4
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	--	1	4
Fair.....	10	9	27	26
Good	82	84	58	62
Excellent.....	7	7	14	7
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	1	4
Fair	15	15	40	29
Good	79	79	42	54
Excellent.....	5	5	17	12

NA – not available

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