



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures and 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 68 percent last week to 64 percent as of September 29. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for September 26, 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. Beaver County reports farmers were busy harvesting corn silage, and the fourth cutting of alfalfa. In Millard County, topsoil was drying out due to lack of moisture. Statewide, the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa hay were 95 percent complete and 27 percent complete, respectively. Statewide, winter wheat seeded for harvest next year was at 45 percent complete, with crop emergence at 10 percent complete. Corn doughed and corn dented were at 95 percent complete and 84 percent complete, respectively, and corn mature was at 48 percent complete. Statewide, corn silage harvest was 43 percent complete. Corn being harvested for grain had just started, and was at 5 percent complete by the end of the week. Statewide, producers continued moving cattle and sheep from summer pastures, with an estimated 27 percent of cattle and calves and 31 percent of sheep and lambs off of summer grazing by week’s end.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 7 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus, compared with 8 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 24 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 12 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent very short, 4 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 4 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 10 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 64 percent good, and 15 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.....	95	86	80	NA
4 th cutting harvested.....	27	16	26	39
Corn				
Doughed	95	92	88	NA
Dented	84	68	73	62
Mature.....	48	34	43	29
Harvested for grain.....	5	1	5	NA
Harvested for silage	43	33	36	43
Winter Wheat				
Planted.....	45	36	71	49
Emerged	10	6	48	25
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	27	20	36	43
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	31	25	39	45

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	6.5	6.4	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	3	8	1	14
Short.....	33	24	13	34
Adequate	47	56	80	50
Surplus	17	12	6	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	3	8	1	17
Short.....	22	14	14	32
Adequate	59	68	81	50
Surplus	16	10	4	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	3	NA
Poor	8	8	4	NA
Fair	19	16	31	NA
Good	56	65	43	NA
Excellent	17	10	19	NA
Corn				
Very poor	--	1	3	1
Poor	--	1	1	4
Fair	19	21	25	21
Good	71	69	54	60
Excellent	10	8	17	14
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	9
Poor.....	1	1	2	21
Fair.....	47	41	25	33
Good.....	51	54	62	34
Excellent.....	1	3	11	3
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	1	1	3
Fair.....	10	10	18	23
Good.....	82	82	67	64
Excellent.....	8	7	14	9
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	1	4
Fair.....	13	15	31	27
Good.....	80	79	48	56
Excellent.....	7	5	20	13

NA – not available

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