



UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures helped corn for grain harvest progress considerably this week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture conditions rated adequate to surplus decreased from 56 percent last week to 40 percent as of October 13. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for October 10, drought conditions were present across more than 13 percent of the State, up 3 percentage points from last week. Abnormally dry conditions sat at 76 percent of the State, up 4 percentage points from the previous week. Beaver County reports farmers were busy harvesting corn for grain, and the fourth cutting of alfalfa. Box Elder County reports noted producers were busy harvesting corn for grain, hauling onions to storage, finishing apple harvest, and working on field preparation for fall winter wheat seeding. In Duchesne County, a wildfire was burning west of the county, where many sheep graze from late summer until now. Statewide, the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 57 percent complete. Statewide, winter wheat seeded for harvest next year was at 75 percent complete, with crop emergence at 37 percent complete. Corn dented and corn mature were at 95 percent complete and 88 percent complete, respectively. Statewide, corn silage harvest was 74 percent complete. Corn being harvested for grain was 23 percent complete by the end of the week. Statewide, producers continued moving cattle and sheep from summer pastures, with an estimated 50 percent of cattle and calves and 53 percent of sheep and lambs off of summer grazing by week's end. Cattle and sheep receiving supplement feed started early, at 24 percent complete and 40 percent, respectively.

Stock water supplies were reported as 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus, compared with 1 percent very short, 3 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 33 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 12 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 19 percent excellent last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
4 th cutting harvested	57	35	42	65
Corn				
Dented	95	90	84	NA
Mature	88	60	68	61
Harvested for grain	23	9	24	NA
Harvested for silage	74	60	68	75
Winter Wheat				
Planted	75	62	92	73
Emerged	37	29	71	49
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	50	37	59	63
Receiving supplemental feed	24	31	32	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	53	40	62	61
Receiving supplemental feed	40	22	22	NA

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	6.4	6.3	5.6	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	14	5	10	14
Short	46	39	9	30
Adequate	31	38	70	52
Surplus	9	18	11	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	12	3	9	15
Short	35	31	6	27
Adequate	44	50	78	56
Surplus	9	16	7	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	NA
Poor	1	8	4	NA
Fair	25	20	35	NA
Good	42	47	43	NA
Excellent	31	24	17	NA
Corn				
Very poor	--	1	1	--
Poor	2	1	1	3
Fair	18	11	23	20
Good	68	75	57	62
Excellent	12	12	18	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	1	--	8
Poor.....	7	7	8	25
Fair.....	29	38	20	32
Good.....	59	50	62	32
Excellent.....	2	4	10	3
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	8	5
Fair.....	9	9	12	24
Good.....	73	82	61	60
Excellent.....	17	8	19	10
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	1	4	4
Fair.....	11	14	15	26
Good.....	71	78	55	55
Excellent.....	16	7	26	15

NA – not available

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