UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 20, 2024

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler temperatures with weekend rain and snowstorms 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 40 percent last week to 49 percent as of October 20. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for October 17, drought conditions were present across more than 24 percent of the State, up 11 percentage points from last week. Abnormally dry conditions sat at 73 percent of the State, down 3 percentage points from the previous week. Moderate drought conditions sat at 23 percent of the State, up 11 percentage points from the previous week. Severe drought conditions sat at 1 percent, unchanged from the previous week. Beaver County reports farmers have finished their corn silage harvest. Box Elder County reports noted producers were busy harvesting corn for grain, and working on field preparation for fall winter wheat seeding. Reports from Millard County noted the first freeze, and that farmers were finishing up harvesting corn for grain. In Summit County, a fire continues burning in the mountains east of Kamas, along with overnight freezing temperatures. Statewide, the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 71 percent complete. Statewide, winter wheat seeded for harvest next year was at 85 percent complete, with crop emergence at 61 percent complete. Statewide, corn mature and corn harvested for grain were at 95 percent complete and 54 percent complete, respectively. Statewide, corn silage harvest was 89 percent complete. Statewide, producers continued moving cattle and sheep from summer pastures, with an estimated 59 percent of cattle and calves and 58 percent of sheep and lambs off of summer grazing by week's end. Cattle and sheep receiving supplement feed started early, at 36 percent complete and 43 percent, respectively.

Stock water supplies were reported as 3 percent very short, 13 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus, compared with 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus last week. Irrigation water supplies were reported as 4 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 7 percent excellent, compared with 33 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 12 percent excellent last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
4th cutting harvested	71	57	48	NA
Corn				
Mature	95	88	74	70
Harvested for grain	54	23	34	33
Harvested for silage	89	74	75	NA
Winter Wheat				
Planted	85	75	NA	NA
Emerged	61	37	82	58
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture	59	50	68	69
Receiving supplemental feed	36	24	33	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture	58	53	71	66
Receiving supplemental feed	43	40	21	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	5.0	6.4	6.9	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	12	14	6	13
Short	39	46	9	28
Adequate	40	31	75	55
Surplus	9	9	10	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	17	12	7	13
Short	33	35	7	27
Adequate	47	44	76	58
Surplus	3	9	10	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)
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor	2	2	--	3
Fair	20	18	21	22
Good	59	68	63	61
Excellent	19	12	16	14
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	3	--	9
Poor	11	7	9	23
Fair	32	29	29	32
Good	52	59	53	32
Excellent	3	2	9	4
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	1	1	5	5
Fair	8	9	13	23
Good	71	73	61	61
Excellent	20	17	21	10
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	2	2	4	5
Fair	15	11	16	26
Good	73	71	54	54
Excellent	10	16	26	14

NA – not available

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