



# UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 27, 2024

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Warmer temperatures 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 increased from 49 percent last week to 55 percent as of October 27. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor for October 24, drought conditions were present across more than 19 percent of the State, down 5 percentage points from last week. Abnormally dry conditions sat at 77 percent of the State, up 4 percentage points from the previous week. Moderate drought conditions sat at 18 percent of the State, down 5 percentage points from the previous week. Severe drought conditions sat at 1 percent, unchanged from the previous week. Beaver County reports farmers were finishing up harvesting corn for grain. Reports from Grand County noted the first frost. Statewide, the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 79 percent complete. Statewide, winter wheat seeded for harvest next year was at 90 percent complete, with crop emergence at 67 percent complete. Statewide, corn harvested for grain was 61 percent complete. Statewide, corn silage harvest was 95 percent complete. Statewide, producers continued moving cattle and sheep from summer pastures, with an estimated 65 percent of cattle and calves and 62 percent of sheep and lambs off of summer grazing by week’s end. Cattle and sheep receiving supplement feed started early, at 35 percent complete and 40 percent, respectively.

Hay and roughages supplies were reported as 1 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were reported as 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent very short, 13 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus last week

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	79	71	57	NA
Corn				
Harvested for grain .....	61	54	48	45
Harvested for silage .....	95	89	79	NA
Winter Wheat				
Planted .....	90	85	NA	NA
Emerged .....	67	61	90	66
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture .....	65	59	76	74
Receiving supplemental feed .....	35	36	35	34
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture .....	62	58	77	73
Receiving supplemental feed .....	40	43	25	27

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.....	6.0	5.0	5.6	6.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	10	12	6	13
Short.....	35	39	12	26
Adequate.....	49	40	66	56
Surplus.....	6	9	16	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	10	17	6	14
Short.....	34	33	9	27
Adequate.....	56	47	71	55
Surplus.....	--	3	14	4

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)
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	2	--	9
Poor.....	7	11	9	23
Fair.....	30	32	24	31
Good.....	54	52	60	34
Excellent.....	6	3	7	3
Winter Wheat				
Very poor.....	2	NA	2	4
Poor.....	5	NA	12	16
Fair.....	34	NA	46	41
Good.....	54	NA	32	33
Excellent.....	5	NA	8	6
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	2	3
Fair.....	6	8	10	22
Good.....	80	71	67	62
Excellent.....	13	20	21	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	3	3
Fair.....	10	15	15	25
Good.....	82	73	56	56
Excellent.....	6	16	26	16

NA – not available

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