UTAH CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 11, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Warm temperatures along with limited precipitation occurred throughout the state last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. According to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report, 16 percent of the state is experiencing exceptional drought (D4), 72 percent of the state is experiencing extreme drought (D3) and the rest of the state is in severe drought (D2) or moderate drought (D1). Topsoil moisture level conditions rated adequate to surplus increased from 18 percent last week to 23 percent. Statewide, the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 85 percent complete, slightly behind last year's progress. Box Elder County reports farmers are finishing their fourth cutting of alfalfa hay. Statewide, winter wheat planted and winter wheat emergence are at 67 percent complete and 37 percent complete, respectively. Corn dented and corn mature are at 95 percent complete and 72 percent complete, respectively. Corn silage harvest is 85 percent complete, ahead of last year's progress. Corn harvested for grain was 23 percent complete by the end of the week. With continued dry conditions, cattle and sheep being moved from pasture were at 75 percent and 77 percent moved, respectively. Stock water supplies were rated 28 percent very short, 41 percent short, and 31 percent adequate. Irrigation water supplies were rated 20 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 30 percent fair, and 29 percent good.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
4th cutting harvested...	85	73	86	80
Corn				
Dented..	95	89	91	91
Mature..	72	57	49	64
Harvested for grain	23	4	NA	NA
Harvested for silage	85	74	82	88
Winter wheat				
Planted	67	53	59	76
Emerged...	36	26	29	40
Cattle and calves				
Moved from pasture...	75	63	72	66
Sheep and lambs				
Moved from pasture...	77	75	61	64

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 field work........................	7.0	7.0	6.4	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short..	30	37	18	8
Short...	47	45	13	24
Adequate..	23	18	65	66
Surplus..	--	--	4	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short..	34	39	14	10
Short...	28	29	20	33
Adequate..	38	32	66	56
Surplus..	--	--	--	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)
Corn				
Very poor..	--	--	--	--
Poor	5	5	--	--
Fair	17	16	9	13
Good	67	68	62	67
Excellent	11	11	29	20
Pasture and range				
Very poor	11	20	2	8
Poor..	25	29	13	18
Fair...	42	35	31	34
Good	22	16	50	36
Excellent	--	--	4	4
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	--	1	--	--
Poor..	3	4	--	2
Fair...	27	27	12	17
Good	60	62	75	68
Excellent	10	6	13	13
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor..	7	7	--	1
Fair...	28	28	16	19
Good	53	56	64	67
Excellent	12	9	20	13

NA – not available

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