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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Farm activity around the state is in full swing. The days suitable for work was 7.0 days. This week produced warm but dryer temperatures throughout the state. Livestock continues doing well around the state.

Field Crops Summary

The spring wheat continues forward as the temperature around the state becomes warmer. Corn has begun to surge with the hot weather. Box Elder County reports that 1/3 of the crop is in tassel with much more not far off. Agents in Box Elder County also reports that irrigated grain yields are better than average while dryland grain has suffered through much of the spring growing season. Cache County reports that two summer rains this week reduced the quality of the second crop alfalfa that was in the windrow; also causing much of the better barley and oats to lodge. Wayne County reported that 50% of the crop was affected due to last weeks rains but the hot dry weather and wind helped get the hay dry by the weekend. Harvest for sweet cherries, tart cherries, and apricots continue. Irrigation continues to be a major activity around the state.

Livestock Summary

Wayne County reported that last week's rain brought some relief to high mountain grazing. Cache County reports that some producers are reporting problems with pink eye in beef cattle and sheep due to the infestations of flies.

Crop Progress for Week Ending July 16, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Harvested (Grain)	10	9	4	6
Oats Harvested Silage/Hay	68	59	61	68
Winter Wheat Harvested	9	8	18	13
Alfalfa Second Cutting	62	40	35	45
Other Hay Cut	71	68	78	79
Apricots Harvested	61	22	36	69
Sweet Cherries Harvested	86	75	74	92
Tart Cherries Harvested	36	20	34	40

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending July 16, 2006

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	1	11	38	47	3
Spring Wheat	5	21	29	35	10
Winter Wheat	0	10	41	44	5
Barley	0	2	16	64	18
Sheep	0	1	12	82	5
Cattle/calves	0	0	11	74	15

Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 16, 2006

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	8	47	45	0
Subsoil	2	40	58	0
Irrigation water supplies	1	14	84	1
Stock water supplies	1	14	81	4