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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Field operations around the state are consistent with last week's activities. The number of days suitable for work was 6.8, the same as last week's mark. Temperatures were similar to the previous week. Livestock continues doing well.

Field Crops Summary

Wheat and barley harvests are well underway. Box Elder reports 3rd cutting of alfalfa hay is beginning, while other counties are still on the 2nd cutting. Brush fires have been spotted in the area causing some damage to the hay crop. Box Elder reports that warmer than normal temperatures are producing wheat yields lower than last year. Corn has begun tasseling in most counties with some silking in a few counties. On the downside, Weber County reports corn mites continue to be a big concern in the area. The apricot harvest is coming to an end, while the pear harvest should get underway in about 3 weeks. Irrigation continues to be a major activity in the state.

Livestock Summary

Livestock around the state continues to do well. Producers have begun moving cattle from the summer ranges. Cache County reports that flies have become troublesome with the livestock in the area.

Crop Progress for Week Ending July 30, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Onions Harvested	6	0	0	0
Barley Harvested (Grain)	26	11	13	25
Oats Harvested Silage/Hay	81	76	75	83
Spring Wheat Harvested	17	7	10	17
Winter Wheat Harvested	43	22	30	38
Corn Silk Stage	61	29	21	42
Alfalfa Second Cutting	82	77	68	77
Alfalfa Third Cutting	9	2	12	11
Other Hay Cut	84	76	86	88

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending July 30, 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	10	38	48	3
Spring Wheat	7	19	24	41	9
Winter Wheat	0	11	42	47	0
Barley	0	1	14	67	18
Corn	0	2	15	66	17
Sheep	0	1	14	78	7
Cattle/calves	0	0	8	75	17

Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 30, 2006

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	9	43	48	0
Subsoil	5	40	55	0
Irrigation water supplies	1	20	78	1
Stock water supplies	1	21	75	3