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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Field activity around the state was consistent with last week's activities. The days suitable for work was 6.5 days, down 0.3 days from last week's mark. Livestock conditions throughout the state are doing well.

Field Crops Summary

This week's weather brought strong wind gusts and hail in northern and central parts of the state. Emery reported minor crop damage on Friday due to the hail and heavy thunderstorms in the area; but for the most part temperatures were normal for this time of year. Field preparation for fall grain, pasture and alfalfa is underway. Third cutting for alfalfa is progressing rapidly, while fourth cutting has just begun. Corn continues to do well across the state; reports indicate that the tasseling stage is at 100 percent, while the dough stage is at 70 percent. Fruit reports indicate that the peach harvest is about 45 percent complete, while the apple and pear harvest is just underway. Irrigation continues to be a major part of field activities.

Livestock Summary

Livestock around the state continues to do well, but some livestock producers continue to report that the ranges are very dry with much of the feed withering away.

**Livestock Percent
for Week Ending August 27, 2006**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle Moved from Summer Range	36	35	2	15
Sheep/Lambs Moved from Summer Range	21	20	2	13

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending August 27, 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	25	18	17	25
Barley Harvested (Grain)	88	81	83	89
Oats Harvested (Grain)	71	59	71	69
Spring Wheat Harvested	84	76	75	83
Winter Wheat Harvested	91	88	90	93
Corn Dough Stage	70	48	55	55
Alfalfa Seed	6	NA	9	9
Alfalfa Third Cutting	68	59	53	52
Apple Harvested	5	NA	NA	4
Peach Harvested	45	39	38	41
Pears Harvested	10	9	NA	19

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending August 27, 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	3	12	35	45	5
Corn	0	1	11	63	25
Sheep	0	1	12	76	11
Cattle/calves	0	0	10	71	19

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending August 27, 2006**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	10	38	52	0
Subsoil	5	36	59	0
Irrigation water supplies	7	22	70	1
Stock water supplies	1	20	77	2