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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Precipitation reached record highs in 2006 for several counties this week. Unexpected amounts of rainfall began Friday afternoon and continued throughout the weekend. The days suitable for work was 4.0 days, down 2.9 days from last week. Livestock conditions throughout the state continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Wayne County received about 3.73 inches of rainfall this weekend which caused minor damage to local irrigation systems. Box Elder reports receiving 2.0 or more inches of rain this week. Box Elder and Cache counties report that the 4th crop hay has been severely damaged due to the unexpected rainfall this week. Onion producers in Box Elder are ready to harvest the crop, but the fields are too wet to get the equipment in; the harvest will be delayed at least a week. Alfalfa seed and safflower producers who have not harvested their crop expect to incur some losses due to sprouting and shelling. Farmers who have not finished planting fall grain will continue planting when the fields have dried out. Cache County reports that the rainfall this week has temporarily stopped the safflower and corn silage harvest. Farmers in Cache County have also been delayed in emptying their manure storage facilities prior to plowing due to the wet and muddy fields.

Livestock Summary

Producers continue to move their livestock off summer ranges. Heavy rains have allowed the range conditions to fair a little better than average. Producers out of Summit and Beaver counties are gathering their livestock off the summer ranges and marketing their calves and lambs.

Crop Progress for Week Ending October 8, 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 | 69 | 60 | 88 | 89 |
| Winter Wheat Planted | 64 | 48 | 86 | 73 |
| Winter Wheat Emerged | 39 | 25 | 46 | 37 |
| Corn Mature | 87 | 74 | 64 | 70 |
| Corn Silage Harvested | 88 | 78 | 75 | 86 |
| Alfalfa Seed | 63 | 62 | 60 | 64 |
| Alfalfa Fourth Cutting | 66 | 59 | 65 | 67 |
| Apple Harvested | 84 | 68 | 52 | 65 |

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending October 8, 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 | 7 | 13 | 35 | 41 | 4 |
| Corn | 0 | 0 | 11 | 71 | 18 |
| Sheep | 0 | 3 | 13 | 77 | 7 |
| Cattle/calves | 0 | 2 | 14 | 69 | 15 |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 8, 2006

| Item | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Topsoil | 1 | 8 | 72 | 19 |
| Subsoil | 1 | 20 | 74 | 5 |
| Irrigation water supplies | 9 | 16 | 75 | 0 |
| Stock water supplies | 1 | 16 | 83 | 0 |

Livestock Percent for Week Ending October 8, 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 | 69 | 44 | 47 | 61 |
| Sheep/Lambs Moved from Summer Range | 74 | 52 | 59 | 63 |