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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Heavy precipitation continued this week in a few counties around the state. The days suitable for work was 4.9 days, up 0.9 days from last week. Livestock conditions throughout the state continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Wayne County reports significant flooding on the lower Fremont and lower muddy rivers. The flooding occurred on Friday causing extensive damage to the Hanksville canal diversion. Fields are without irrigation water until replacement of the diversion is made; about one thousand acres of pasture is covered with mud and sand. Growers around the state are hoping for a week of dryer weather, but forecasts around the state indicate cool and stormy weather for the upcoming week. Box Elder reports that onion growers were able to get their equipment into the fields on Friday, but heavy precipitation maybe headed their way. Corn contest fields have yielded between 260 to 277 bushels per acre in Box Elder. Most of the grain corn is being harvested as high moisture and is being put into pits for local dairies or feedlots. Cache and Box Elder counties indicate that there is plenty of moisture in the soil profile for the seeding of winter wheat. Cache County reports that producers are finishing the final harvest of corn silage, alfalfa hay and safflower. The quality of the 4th crop alfalfa is reported as being very marginal. Weber County reports that heavy rains from the month of September have caused some corn to suffer from root rot resulting in dryer than normal silage being put in the pit. Constant rains have delayed 4th crop alfalfa in Weber and Sevier, and is to wet to harvested at this time.

Livestock Summary

Most counties have benefited from Octobers' rainfall this year reporting greener pastures in the area. Iron County reports that rain storms have slowed the movement of livestock from the summer ranges. Box Elder reports that producers are beginning to prepare their livestock for buyers' feedlots. Emery County reports that the 3 inches of rain they have received in the past week and a half has been very beneficial. Most livestock water ponds on the desert ranges are full which will make for good water situations for fall and winter grazing.

Livestock Percent for Week Ending October 15, 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	74	69	71	75
Sheep/Lambs Moved from Summer Range	77	74	77	78

Crop Progress for Week Ending October 15, 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	80	69	96	96
Winter Wheat Planted	83	64	90	80
Winter Wheat Emerged	50	39	51	49
Corn Mature	93	87	78	83
Alfalfa Seed	70	63	81	74
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	81	66	81	80
Apple Harvested	89	84	66	80

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending October 15, 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	10	14	28	42	6
Corn	1	2	9	67	21
Sheep	0	1	16	75	8
Cattle/calves	0	2	16	68	14

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 15, 2006

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	1	11	75	13
Subsoil	1	23	73	3
Irrigation water supplies	10	12	77	1
Stock water supplies	1	16	81	2