



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Crops continue to progress around the state. Days suitable for field work was 7.0. Weather conditions around the state continue to be hot and dry with no rainfall insight. Livestock continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

A fast-moving wildfire in northeast Utah has burned more than 47 square miles, but some progress had been made with more firefighters on hand and calmer winds, a fire official said Monday. There have been no reports of crop loss due to the fires. Across the state spring wheat was 93 percent headed compared to 72 percent the previous week. Barley was 93 percent headed compared to 85 percent headed the previous week. Cache County reports that crops are doing well where adequate irrigation water is available. Hay prices are higher this season than last due to the increase of potential buyers looking for feed. The hay quality has been excellent this season with the 2nd cutting of alfalfa hay about to begin. In some areas there have been reports of frost damage. Box Elder reports that winter wheat harvest will begin soon. Corn within the county looks good and is growing rapidly, but keeping the corn watered continues to be a challenge. The fruit harvest is underway with sweet cherries and apricots being picked. In some areas around Box Elder, stream flows are very low resulting in little or no water for irrigated pastureland. Rangelands continue to be dry and getting worse. There have also been several reports of crickets in various areas including the Clear Creek area in which they decimated some hay crops that were poor to begin with. Weber County reports that 2nd cutting of alfalfa hay is well underway, while the cherry harvest is completed. Beaver, Iron and Summit counties report that the dry and hot weather continues to stress the crops and are drying up pasture and rangeland.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County reports that cattle and sheep producers have moved their livestock to summer pastures but are concerned about the hot and dry weather. Cache County reports that cattle will need to be moved off of summer ranges much earlier this year than normal due to very dry and deteriorating pastures.

Crop Progress for Week Ending July 1, 2007

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Headed Stage	93	85	86	82
Oats Headed Stage	65	53	58	55
Oats Harvested (Grain)	20	0	39	0
Spring Wheat Headed	93	72	77	76
Alfalfa Second Cutting	18	6	22	11
Other Hay Cut	73	60	57	59
Apricots Harvested	54	20	14	26
Sweet Cherries Harvested	30	15	44	47
Tart Cherries Harvested	17	15	13	15

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending July 1, 2007

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	11	24	42	23	0
Spring Wheat	2	7	49	37	5
Winter Wheat	0	2	40	48	10
Barley	0	2	31	54	13
Corn	0	0	25	61	14
Sheep	0	0	16	77	7
Cattle/calves	0	2	23	67	8

Livestock Percent for Week Ending July 1, 2007

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sheep Moved to Summer Range	94	93	97	94
Cattle Moved to Summer Range	94	93	99	96

Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 1, 2007

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	20	43	37	0
Subsoil	13	45	42	0
Irrigation water supplies	10	43	47	0
Stock water supplies	6	32	62	0