



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

The Utah Partners for Conservation & Development released an official report on the Utah wildfires which have caused many losses to livestock operators and farmers in Utah. The report also outlines specific aid available, and policy changes needed to prevent such catastrophic fires in the future. Days suitable for field work was 7.0 days.

Field Crops Summary

Across the state spring wheat was 94 percent harvested compared to 83 percent the previous week. Barley was 88 percent harvested compared to 79 percent harvested the previous week. Alfalfa 3rd cutting was 79 percent harvested compared to 61 percent the previous week. Oats for grain were 80 percent harvested compared to 60 percent the previous week. Cache County reports that the harvest for corn silage will begin before the end of the month. Box Elder reports that most farmers have finished the 3rd crop alfalfa and some have begun cutting the 4th crop. Corn for silage is just about ready to harvest. The small grain harvest is essentially complete. In some areas, dry land yields ranged from 6 to 10 bushels per acres while other areas reported up to 30 bushel per acre harvested. There were several reports of safflower being cut within the county. Summit and Beaver counties report that farmers continue to cut 3rd crop alfalfa hay.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports Livestock producers are still facing severe dry range conditions with several more fires reported this week in the west and north part of the county. Emergency Grazing of Conservation Reserve Program acreage was approved for Box Elder County this week. Cache County reports that most cattle have come in from summer ranges. Many calves will be weaned and sold at lighter weights. Beaver County reports that the ranges are getting really dry. Some of the grass in the burned area is beginning to grow back, but in other areas (near Milford), the wind is starting to erode away the topsoil. Farmers are hoping that reseeding will begin in September.

Crop Progress for Week Ending August 26, 2007

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Onions Harvested	30	25	24	21
Barley Harvested (Grain)	88	79	87	88
Oats Harvested (Grain)	80	60	69	69
Corn Dough Stage	74	47	67	55
Corn Dent Stage	21	8	11	11
Corn Mature	5	1	0	0
Alfalfa Third Cutting	79	61	67	53
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	14	6	2	2
Apple Harvested	7	6	4	4
Peach Harvested	46	39	44	39
Pears Harvested	21	15	10	15

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending August 26, 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	19	30	32	19	0
Spring Wheat	5	21	33	36	5
Winter Wheat	0	4	40	47	9
Barley	0	2	26	62	10
Corn	0	1	18	61	20
Sheep	0	1	10	86	3
Cattle/calves	0	2	27	67	4

Livestock Percent for Week Ending August 26, 2007

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	55	51	36	20
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	22	18	21	16

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 26, 2007

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	30	39	31	0
Subsoil	34	39	27	0
Irrigation water supplies	29	42	29	0
Stock water supplies	17	35	48	0