



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

This week counties faced the warmest days of the year. There were 7.0 days suitable for field work. Crops continue to progress while livestock are doing well.

## Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports dryland wheat is showing signs of stress from warmer temperatures and little rain. Corn has turned to a deep green color instead of yellow caused by the cold temperatures early. The first crop of alfalfa has been cut. The onion crop varies from very good stands to poor stands due to germination problems (dry soil). Some stands in the Thatcher / Bothwell area were damaged by hail in May. The safflower planted this year doesn't look very good due to the poor soil moisture and cold temperatures which caused poor germination. Cache County reports farmers have enjoyed an ideal week for harvesting first crop alfalfa. The quality is excellent and yields are also quite good. There was some evidence of alfalfa weevil damage, but nothing major. Small grains continue to do well. Cereal leaf beetle populations are still a major concern within the county. Corn is responding nicely to the hotter weather and most safflower fields are looking good. Irrigation waters within the county are adequate. Beaver County reports that 1<sup>st</sup> crop haying is going well. Some producers have cut 1st crop hay although it is short due to cold weather, other producers have delayed 1st cutting hoping hay will mature. Most producers have had severe insect problems in 1st crop. Morgan County reports farmers are cutting first crop hay and range forage is finally looking good.

## Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports livestock producers have moved animals to the summer ranges but are very concerned about high feed costs and high fuel costs. Cache County reports livestock producers continue to enjoy an abundance of feed in pastures and on rangeland. Cooler spring temperatures with timely rains have made for impressive growth of grasses. Producers are now beginning the harvest of meadow grasses, mainly for beef cattle and dry dairy cows. Iron County reports mountain ranges have been slow to green up delaying movement of livestock to these ranges.

**Crop Progress  
for Week Ending June 22, 2008**

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	60	NA	82	68
Oats Headed Stage	42	NA	51	43
Spring Wheat Headed	37	28	67	56
Winter Wheat Head Stage	80	70	95	95
Alfalfa First Cutting	66	42	91	88
Other Hay Cut	35	22	57	47

**Crop & Livestock Condition  
for Week Ending June 22, 2008**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	1	12	27	47	13
Sheep	0	0	12	84	4
Cattle/calves	0	1	17	74	8

**Livestock Percent  
for Week Ending June 22, 2008**

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	87	75	92	87
Cattle Moved to Summer Range	91	78	91	89

**Soil Moisture  
for Week Ending June 22, 2008**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	5	39	56	0
Subsoil	2	25	73	0
Stock water supplies	0	9	91	0