



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

This week's warm and dry weather has aided crop progress around the state. Days suitable for field work were 6.6 days. Crops continue to progress while livestock are doing well.

## Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports there was no moisture reported in the county during the past 7 days. The weather continues to be hot and dry. The wheat harvest is now underway within the county. Combines were spotted south of Snowville, in the Bothwell Pocket and down by Corinne. Farmers continue to harvest 2nd crop alfalfa and irrigate fields. Corn has grown about a foot in the last week but is still not to the tassel stage. Some corn exceeds 7 feet in height while other acreage is not expected to exceed 3 feet. Fruit farmers report that very little sweet cherry production is expected this year. Apricots are beginning to be harvested and some producers report a good crop while frost damage this spring severely reduced production for others. Peaches also sustained some damage early but producers expect a fair to good crop. Some safflower fields are blooming and look fair to good. Cache County reports hot dry weather all week in Cache County. Irrigation water seems to be adequate in most irrigation systems. Farmers are beginning to cut Second crop alfalfa hay this week. Winter wheat and barley are almost ready to combine. Irrigated acreage is expected yield extremely well. Dry land acreage has been stressed for several weeks. Silage corn is growing well with the hotter weather. Grasshoppers have been spotted in many areas, but not at critical levels. Beaver County reports summer storms are improving range, pasture, and irrigation supplies while the 2<sup>nd</sup> alfalfa cutting is off to a good start. Sanpete County reports receiving adequate amounts of rain this week.

## Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports ranges are getting dry in the higher elevations and conditions are deteriorating in most of the county. Livestock seem to be doing well and are generally in good condition. Reports of grasshopper infestations were received, and one producer reported seeing a couple pockets of Mormon crickets at high elevation north of Rosette. Cache County reports flies are bothering cattle and grasses on rangelands and pastures are showing stress from the lack of rain. Tooele reports grasshopper infestations on the east side of the Tooele valley. Reports from Garfield & Kane counties indicate that ranges are in good to excellent condition due to recent rains and good winter moisture.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending July 20, 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	95	93	99	98
Oats Headed Stage	79	77	88	88
Spring Wheat Headed	95	93	100	98
Winter Wheat Harvested	7	6	27	19
Alfalfa First Cutting	98	95	100	100
Alfalfa Second Cutting	31	15	73	62
Other Hay Cut	78	72	80	79
Apricots Harvested	65	60	93	77
Sweet Cherries Harvested	35	34	97	94
Tart Cherries Harvested	15	10	85	57

### Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending July 20, 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	4	11	27	48	10
Sheep	0	0	21	72	7
Cattle/calves	0	0	36	54	10

### Livestock Percent for Week Ending July 20, 2008

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 20, 2008

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	12	55	33	0
Subsoil	7	55	38	0
Stock water supplies	5	25	70	0