



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Crops continue to progress around the state. Days suitable for field work were 6.8. Livestock continue to do well. There has been no report of major disease.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports silage corn producers have opened some fields and expect to begin chopping this week. Corn silage yields have been good in some fields and poor in other. Grain corn is maturing and harvest will begin in about two weeks. Almost all of the small grain has been harvested except for some dry land spring grain that will have to wait until the weeds freeze down. Some producers within the county are beginning to harvest safflower. Yields will vary widely but the price has been reported to be around \$.30 per lb. A few dry land producers have been able to plant fall grain while some producers are waiting for a good storm. Hay producers reported that the compressed hay plant south of Tremonton has stopped buying hay for the season. Farmers are unsure how this will affect hay prices. Cache County reports farmers are enjoying near perfect weather for harvest. Third crop alfalfa is being harvested this week and winter wheat is being planted. Farmers anticipate the chopping of corn silage within the next 10 days. Carbon County reports that the summer range looks very good. Recent fall rains have helped reduce concerns over drought conditions. A lot of hay is being sold out of the area while stockmen have saved enough for winter feeding. High hay prices have become a major concern for horse owners. Beaver County reports 3rd crop alfalfa cutting is going well while fall pastures are drying out. Garfield and Kane counties report that the higher elevations within the county received frost this week.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports sheep produces will begin shipping lambs as they come off the summer ranges. Cache County reports livestock and dairy producers have been anticipating pneumonia problems, but have had few cases thus far.

Crop Progress for Week Ending September 14, 2008

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Onions Harvested	56	43	45	43
Barley Harvested (Grain)	92	88	99	98
Oats Harvested (Grain)	81	70	93	90
Winter Wheat Planted	17	6	18	27
Corn Dent Stage	47	24	70	64
Corn Mature	15	NA	32	28
Alfalfa Third Cutting	69	57	93	86
Apple Harvested	6	NA	32	34
Peach Harvested	88	69	77	79
Pears Harvested	12	NA	70	75

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 14, 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	9	14	29	41	7

Livestock Percent for Week Ending September 14, 2008

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	6	NA	63	30

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 14, 2008

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	13	33	54	0
Subsoil	22	39	39	0
Stock water supplies	15	29	56	0