



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

This week farmers continue fall activities. The days suitable for field work are 6.9 days. Livestock continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports fall work continues in the valley with fall wheat being planted and alfalfa hay being cut and baled or chopped for the pit. The silage corn harvest is progressing and high moisture grain corn harvest will begin shortly. Onions are being harvested. Many fields have been lifted and some being dried in the field. The onion harvest is well under way and the crop looks good. Some farmers have hauled their onions to the shed in the Corinne area. There is still a great concern because of the lack of moisture. Soil conditions are dry and some fall wheat producers on dry land have not been able to plant due to low soil moisture. Beaver County reports 3rd crop alfalfa harvesting is going well within the county. Iron County reports, due to a late spring, most alfalfa producers will not cut a 4th crop. Winter ranges within the county are dry due to the lack of rainfall during the past two months.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports livestock producers are beginning to move from summer ranges but fall feed is short and winter hay supplies will be tight. Livestock producers may not be able to purchase feed due to the high prices. Iron County reports many range sheep operators have sold and shipped their lambs. Prices reported ranged from fair to good. Lambs were heavy as mountain ranges were very good this year

Crop Progress for Week Ending September 28, 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	60	57	84	71
Barley Harvested (Grain)	100	100	100	100
Winter Wheat Planted	64	49	49	55
Corn Dent Stage	84	77	91	90
Corn Mature	57	29	76	61
Alfalfa Third Cutting	89	78	99	97
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	23	10	62	52
Apple Harvested	26	19	52	57
Peach Harvested	90	89	89	96
Pears Harvested	60	15	83	94

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 28, 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	6	14	32	41	7

Livestock Percent for Week Ending September 28, 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	29	19	70	42
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	30	18	40	37

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 28, 2008

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	10	35	55	0
Subsoil	14	31	55	0
Stock water supplies	6	25	69	0
Hay-Roughage Supplies	4	14	82	0