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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Cooler temperatures and a mix of sunny and wet weather allowed farmers and ranchers 5.8 days suitable for field work compared to 6.3 days the previous week. Most farmers were happy to receive the rain, but it is slowing the drying process for corn. Grain corn harvest is under way while silage corn harvest has wrapped up in most counties. Major activities included livestock relocation and basic maintenance to buildings and fences.

Field Crops Summary

Northern counties reported that corn is not drying like it should. With the high price of fuel, most farmers cannot afford to dry their corn. Winter wheat looks good, especially in the dry land areas. Central counties reported that rain limited time in the field for farmers, but has helped with improving soil moisture and range and pasture conditions. Outlook for winter grazing is very good in the eastern counties. Additionally, crop production was much improved over the past few years in the eastern counties.

Livestock Summary

Livestock were in good condition with most having been relocated to fall pastures. Cattle off the ranges look good. Producers report leaving more feed on the mountains than usual. Calves are being weaned statewide with fat calves being taken to market. In the northern counties, sheep are grazing alfalfa residues in the valleys.

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending October 30, 2005

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	0	3	16	60	21
Corn	0	4	29	56	11
Sheep	0	1	11	77	11
Cattle/calves	0	1	11	71	17

Livestock Percent for Week Ending October 30, 2005

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cattle Moved from Summer Range	94	88	90	95

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 30, 2005

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	5	33	60	2
Subsoil	3	24	73	0
Irrigation water supplies	1	17	82	0
Stock water supplies	0	9	90	1

Crop Progress for Week Ending October 30, 2005

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Winter Wheat Emerged	79	63	88	74
Corn Grain Harvested	32	29	56	56
Alfalfa Seed	95	90	82	89
Apple Harvested	90	72	93	93