



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 was 7.0 days. Crops continue to progress while livestock are doing well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports winter wheat is headed out and looks good in some areas, fair in other areas and poor in the Hansel Valley and Snowville areas. Spring wheat is starting to head out in the Bear River Valley but is only 5 - 8 inches tall in the Blue Creek area. Corn is really starting to grow but the height is still behind normal. The hot and dry weather in Cache County has been good for harvesting hay. Farmers are irrigating their land with adequate supplies of irrigation water. Dry land farmers report a heavy crop of grain resulting from cool spring weather and timely rains earlier this season, however, they are now concerned about heat stress because of recent dry hot weather. Utah County reports farmers are harvesting first crop hay. Corn, barley, and irrigated wheat are looking good. Irrigation water looks to be adequate for most of the summer. Carbon County reports hay baling is finally in full swing this week. Some of the earlier-cut hay had some rain damage but most 1st crop hay is getting stacked is in excellent condition. Patches of weevil have caused some concern but the damage doesn't seem to be widespread. Emery County reports warm temperatures have really increased plant growth. There is good irrigation water on all drainages in the area. First crop hay cutting is in full swing with production down for this years crop due to the cooler than normal spring. Beaver County reports farmers in the area are concerned with an infestation of grasshoppers. Irrigation supplies are starting to suffer within the county.

Livestock Summary

Cache County reports range and pastures are beginning to see the affects of hot weather, but feed is still more than adequate in most situations. Producers are starting to see an increase in troublesome flies. Carbon County reports summer range conditions look very good with the slow snow melt this spring. Emery County fears that dry conditions will cause the ranges to deteriorate quickly if summer rains are not received

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending June 29, 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	75	60	91	81
Oats Headed Stage	46	42	62	54
Spring Wheat Headed	45	37	87	76
Alfalfa First Cutting	84	66	97	94
Other Hay Cut	48	35	69	58
Tart Cherries Harvested	0	0	16	14

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending June 29, 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	2	10	28	44	16
Sheep	0	1	13	83	3
Cattle/calves	0	2	23	69	6

**Livestock Percent
for Week Ending June 29, 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	90	87	94	92

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending June 29, 2008**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	15	42	43	0
Subsoil	0	39	61	0
Stock water supplies	0	10	90	0