



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Crops continue to progress around the state. Days suitable for field work were 6.5. Weather continues to be hot and dry around the state.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports wheat harvest in the county is progressing. Reports of yields vary from 100 to 120 bushel per acre irrigated and 4 bushel to 25 bushels per acre on dry farms. Some of the best dry land grain in Pocatello Valley has not been cut but should average 30 to 35 bushels per acre. Some producers are reporting poor yields with not many kernels in the head due to frost damage earlier in the year. Most producers are finished with second crop alfalfa and are irrigating 3rd crop. Corn continues to grow well and tasseling has occurred on about 50% of the fields. However, some late corn is still 3 weeks from reaching the tassel stage. The weather in Cache County is still hot and dry. Grain harvest has begun while second crop alfalfa hay is coming in nicely. Pastures and rangeland continue to decline with hotter weather. Grasshopper numbers are significant in some parts of the county. The cereal leaf beetle has been spotted on some corn fields which is unusual in Cache County. In Weber County, grain harvesting has begun and the crop looks very good. Corn stands are showing more variability in height than usual, but still expect good production. Emery County continues to be hot and dry. Summer rainstorms continue to be very spotty. Mountain pastures are getting rather dry and stock water is becoming a bit short. Irrigated crop production is looking very good this year as there is an adequate water supply within the county.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports livestock seem to be in good condition. Several producers are very concerned about winter feed supplies. They will be culling heavily because of the high cost of feeding cattle through the winter. Livestock producers report that summer ranges are getting very dry. There has been very little rainfall in the northern part of the state in the last 2 ½ months. Cache County reports livestock are doing fine. Dairy cows are feeling the effects of heat with slightly lower production and a reduction in reproductive performance.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending August 3, 2008**

| Item | Current Week | Previous Week | Previous Year | 5 Year Average |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Barley Harvested (Grain) | 29 | 18 | 43 | 37 |
| Oats Headed Stage | 93 | 88 | 95 | 96 |
| Oats Harvested (Grain) | 15 | 13 | 37 | 34 |
| Spring Wheat Harvested | 14 | 7 | 39 | 29 |
| Winter Wheat Harvested | 33 | 25 | 64 | 54 |
| Corn Silk Stage | 54 | 24 | 67 | 60 |
| Alfalfa Second Cutting | 70 | 47 | 88 | 84 |
| Other Hay Cut | 84 | 81 | 88 | 88 |
| Apricots Harvested | 83 | 70 | 100 | 96 |
| Peach Harvested | 16 | 5 | 15 | 9 |
| Sweet Cherries Harvested | 94 | 75 | 100 | 100 |
| Tart Cherries Harvested | 50 | 47 | 100 | 89 |

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending August 3, 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 | 5 | 12 | 27 | 46 | 10 |
| Sheep | 0 | 0 | 8 | 86 | 6 |
| Cattle/calves | 0 | 0 | 16 | 68 | 16 |

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending August 3, 2008**

| Item | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Topsoil | 12 | 48 | 40 | 0 |
| Subsoil | 7 | 43 | 50 | 0 |
| Stock water supplies | 7 | 16 | 77 | 0 |