



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

The harvest season is coming to an end. The days suitable for field work were 6.6 days. Livestock producers are concerned about the downward market that continues to look bleak.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports some scattered moisture at the first of the week. Snow showers occurred in some parts of the county with some areas having from 2 to 18 inches of snow hitting the Standrod - Clear Creek area. Farmers continue to harvest in the county with 4th crop hay being cut and grain corn being harvested. The grain corn moisture is variable with ranges between 14% and 30%. Most of what is being harvested at this point is being ground and stored as high moisture. The onion harvest is just wrapping up in the county. Onion producers report reduced yields due to the cold spring while the safflower harvest is finishing up. Yields were variable on the non-irrigated. Cache County reports producers are virtually done with the 2008 harvest. A few final acres of corn, some fourth crop alfalfa and a little safflower will finish the season. Winter wheat is emerging as a result of recent rain showers, but more rain is needed. Sevier County reports producers continue chopping corn silage, cutting 4th crop hay, and planting winter grains. Summit County reports most farming activities are finishing up for the season with the exception of some late fall tillage.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports cattle producers are bringing cows off the summer range and weaning calves. Many producers have sold early but have had some reports of no bids from buyers of cattle due to the financial crisis for producers who are trying to sell at this point. Livestock are doing well, with the exception of some pneumonia. The wide variation in temperatures has increased respiratory problems. Summit County reports cattle producers shipping calves to market.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending October 19, 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	93	87	99	97
Winter Wheat Planted	86	70	76	86
Winter Wheat Emerged	46	0	53	59
Corn Dent Stage	96	92	100	99
Apple Harvested	62	60	85	82
Pears Harvested	72	71	99	100

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending October 19, 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	8	17	27	39	9

**Livestock Percent
for Week Ending October 19, 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	67	50	81	80
Sheep/Lambs Moved from Summer Range	66	50	80	82

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending October 19, 2008**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	3	36	61	0
Subsoil	11	39	50	0
Stock water supplies	12	26	62	0