



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

The days suitable for field work are 6.8 days. Farmers are finishing up field activities. Livestock throughout the state continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports field work is winding down in the county. Some producers are still plowing fields to have them ready for spring crops. There is still some activity by producers of collecting baled cornstalks from fields and hauling to yards. A small percentage of grain corn is still in the fields while producers are waiting for the moisture to decline to the required level before storage in bins. Beaver County reports things are really slowing down. Cache County reports field work is virtually over for the season.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County reports livestock producers have been shipping calves to fulfill contracts on earlier purchases. They have been grateful for the nice fall so that they can hold off feeding expensive winter feed as long as possible. Carbon County reports livestock have come off the summer range in excellent condition. Many livestock ponds on the winter range are empty or very low. Wayne and Piute Counties report calves are being shipped to auctions and to contract buyers out of state. Winter ranges are down in available forage and some allotments are without water in ponds. Average forage production on desert ranges during 2008 is lower than previous years. Cache County reports livestock are doing well with pleasant autumn days. Sevier County reports some livestock producers are concerned about the poor condition of winter grazing permits.

Crop Progress for Week Ending November 23, 2008

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn Grain Harvested	78	67	99	87

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending November 23, 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	16	26	42	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 23, 2008

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	19	81	0
Subsoil	10	29	61	0
Stock water supplies	3	17	80	0