



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Field work is coming to an end in most counties. Days suitable for work were 6.5 days. Crop and livestock conditions are doing well for this time of year.

## Field Crops Summary

**Box Elder County** reports harvest continues on safflower and grain corn. Grain corn producers have slowed down on the harvest due to the moisture content of the corn. The moisture has dropped below the point that it can be harvested as high moisture but is too high to be harvested and stored at normal moisture content. The harvest on other crops is all but complete. Planting of fall wheat continues on fields where the corn or safflower is being harvested. **Cache County** reports there is some safflower still being harvested and a few acres of silage corn. Corn grain harvest is underway while most of the winter wheat is planted. Timely fall storms have resulted in impressive germination. Lots of manure is being applied to fields prior to plowing. **Emery County** reports receiving light rain on Tuesday which limited field work. Corn grain harvest continues to progress in the Green River area. Crop production for the year was good as there were adequate irrigation water supplies. Cooler fall weather is upon us. **Duchesne County** report strong winds the past few days, but the weather has allowed producers to finish hauling some hay they have had cut. They are still working on harvesting earlage while the grain corn harvest will begin in the next couple of weeks.

**Crop Progress  
for Week Ending October 25, 2009**

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	51	32	31	52
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	82	81	77	91
Pears Harvested	93	91	100	100

**Soil Moisture  
for Week Ending October 25, 2009**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	11	32	57	0
Subsoil	8	35	57	0
Stock water supplies	13	21	66	0

## Livestock Summary

**Box Elder** reports livestock producers have their cattle home from the summer ranges. Cattle in the area are either on fall pastures or grazing residue fields throughout the county. Most cattle producers have weaned their calves and some are being shipped to cattle buyers. Range conditions look fair too good for the most part. Some of the winter allotments do not have much grass as rains came too late in the season to benefit the cheat grass and other annuals. Sagebrush and greasewood put on a large amount of growth this year with all the moisture in late May and June. Halogeton is also plentiful on most winter ranges that have salt content in the soil. **Cache County** reports beef calves are being weaned and sold. **Duchesne County** reports that the storm in the mountains has increased the movement of livestock to lower elevations. Most producers are working on get the stragglers located and home. Livestock in general are in very good shape and benefited from all the June rain. Producers who winter on the desert are very worried as there has been no significant moisture. This means winter feed is scarce and they will be hauling water. **Summit County** reports most livestock coming off summer ranges with calves/lambs, are being sold. Producers report calves coming off summer ranges are heavier than normal. **Uintah County** reports livestock producers are moving livestock off summer ranges onto fall pastures, weaning and shipping. **Emery County reports** grazing on winter allotments are going to be limited by the BLM due to lack of adequate moisture this summer. There is also very little livestock water available so producers will have to haul water in order to graze on many of these allotments. Most livestock have been moved home from summer ranges and will soon be moved to winter range if available. Producers are expected to feed much more this fall and winter, or sell their livestock in order to get through this winter. **Beaver County** reports farm work includes hauling manure and gathering cattle of the range. **Garfield and Kane counties** report spotty thunder showers brought some moisture to very dry rangelands. Most producers have weaned their calves and have moved cattle to fall/winter pastures. Several ranches do not have adequate stock water, so supplying water will be a challenge this year.

**Crop & Livestock Condition  
for Week Ending October 25, 2009**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	6	17	29	43	5
Corn	0	1	22	64	13
Sheep	0	1	8	81	10
Cattle/calves	0	1	15	74	10

**Livestock Percent  
for Week Ending October 25, 2009**

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	83	76	83	87
Sheep/Lambs Moved from Summer Range	88	81	85	89