



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for field work averaged 6.6. Warm temperatures and sunshine continued in the State of Utah last week. Topsoil moisture content was rated 1 percent very short, 21 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

## Field Crops Summary

**Box Elder and Cache County** hay producers were very active last week. Most growers made impressive progress and are grateful for the abundant supply of irrigation. Hay yields seem to be about average so far. The corn crop is responding favorably to the warmer temperatures and is in better condition. There are some concerns in the Howell area of frost damage to the wheat crop. Some irrigated fields in the Bear River Valley are expected to have reduced yields due to stripe rust. Many producers were able to apply fungicides before damage was too great. In **Cache County** small grains continue to do well; however, there have been some problems with cereal leaf beetle. Honey bees in **Tooele County** are in good condition. The growing season in **Sevier County** remains delayed. Most alfalfa growers will only complete three cuttings this year instead of four. Corn is finally starting to grow, but is noticeably shorter than past years at this time. The Sevier River is in a high water stage, not flood stage. Land owners are now getting a good picture of flood damage from previous weeks. Multiple fields of alfalfa cannot be cut right now, due to saturated soil conditions. **Utah County** crops are in good condition but remain delayed due to the wet and cold spring. Sweet cherry yield will be very low due to frosts. Peaches will also be affected in some areas. Thunderstorms in the mountains and valleys of **Carbon County** may have caused damage. Warm temperatures in **Duchesne County** increased mountain runoff. Due to flooding in fields, it is expected some crops will be lost. Many producers were trying to harvest their hay; however, the weather has not been conducive. **Summit County** farmers are finishing up with the first cutting of alfalfa hay and have reached the mid way point on the first grass hay cutting. Flooding has been occurring. Flooding in **Wayne County** seemed to be confined to the Fremont River.

## Livestock Summary

Many producers in Utah have reported that their livestock are in good condition. Summer rangelands and pastures across the State of Utah have an abundance of grass. Prices have remained strong for lambs and calves. Some producers have been taking advantage of current prices and have sold their calves on video auctions for fall delivery.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending July 3, 2011

| 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   | 63             | 47             | 86             | 86             |
| Oats Headed Stage     | 48             | 29             | 51             | 60             |
| Spring Wheat Headed   | 26             | 19             | 69             | 72             |
| Winter Wheat Headed   | 98             | 89             | 98             | 100            |
| Corn Emerged          | 99             | 92             | 100            | 100            |
| Alfalfa First Cutting | 88             | 75             | 91             | 92             |
| Other Hay Cut         | 59             | 46             | 59             | 62             |

## Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending July 3, 2011

| Item            | Very Poor      | Poor           | Fair           | Good           | Excellent      |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                 | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Range & Pasture | 0              | 1              | 13             | 66             | 20             |
| Spring Wheat    | 1              | 2              | 16             | 56             | 25             |
| Winter Wheat    | 1              | 2              | 33             | 49             | 15             |
| Barley          | 0              | 1              | 11             | 66             | 22             |
| Oats            | 1              | 1              | 10             | 79             | 9              |
| Corn            | 1              | 5              | 42             | 50             | 2              |
| Sheep           | 0              | 1              | 19             | 70             | 10             |
| Cattle/calves   | 0              | 1              | 15             | 71             | 13             |

## Livestock Percent for Week Ending July 3, 2011

| Item                         | Current Week   | Previous Week  | Previous Year  | 5-Year Average |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                              | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Cattle Moved to Summer Range | 97             | 93             | 97             | 98             |
| Sheep Moved to Summer Range  | 93             | 78             | 97             | 97             |

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 3, 2011

| Item                      | Very Short     | Short          | Adequate       | Surplus        |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                           | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Topsoil                   | 1              | 21             | 75             | 3              |
| Subsoil                   | 0              | 10             | 88             | 2              |
| Irrigation water supplies | 0              | 1              | 68             | 31             |
| Stock water supplies      | 0              | 2              | 83             | 15             |

## Crop Development for Week Ending July 3, 2011

| Item        | Current Week  | Previous Week | Previous Year | 5-Year Average |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|             | <i>Inches</i> | <i>Inches</i> | <i>Inches</i> | <i>Inches</i>  |
| Corn Height | 14            | 10            | 17            | 24             |

