



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for field work averaged 6.1. Temperatures were warm and favorable for crop growth last week. Afternoon thunderstorms across much of the state hindered field work. Soil Moisture content increased from the previous week. Topsoil moisture content was rated 14 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County farmers were busy last week completing the first cutting of alfalfa hay. Farmers have ample water to irrigate crops. They have been irrigating hay, and small grain fields. Some producers have reported heavy alfalfa weevil activity that have reduced yields. Grasshoppers are beginning to reach infestation levels in wheat and alfalfa fields in the western portion of the county. Irrigated safflower is nearing the flowering stage. Warmer temperatures have helped the corn crop which is still considered marginal. The crop seems to be about one month behind normal. Due to late planting farmers are concerned there could be a substantial reduction in yield. Wheat has been seriously damaged from wheat stripe rust and cereal leaf beetle this past spring. Persistent afternoon thunderstorms hindered fieldwork in **Cache County** last week. Strong winds and fast moving thunderstorms laid down much of the barley in the county. The storms also caused damage to any hay that had not yet been stacked. Alfalfa weevil continue to be an issue, especially in fields which have not been sprayed with an insecticide. Cereal leaf beetle is an ongoing problem in barley and some wheat. There is plenty of irrigation water in most canals, and growers have been irrigating crops, including corn for the first time this season. Across **Morgan County** grass hay is in windrows. First cutting of alfalfa is complete. **Weber County** crops are in good condition due to the warm weather. In **Utah County** afternoon storms slowed hay harvest. Most areas of **Duchesne County** received a considerable amount of rain this past week. There is still flooding in the county, but the rivers have started to recede and it is hoped the major threat of flooding is over. Corn is growing rapidly due to the favorable conditions. Flood waters in **Uintah County** on the Duchesne River have washed out at least one diversion and cut water off to some irrigators. **Emery County** producers are still feeling the effects of flood damage to hay fields. Water levels have decreased; however, in some places, standing water is beginning to stagnate. Flooding in **Sevier and Piute Counties** prevented farmers from cutting alfalfa. Most of the affected acres of alfalfa will be unharvested. Flooding also increases the spread of noxious weeds; the consequences of the damage are expected to occur next growing season.

Livestock Summary

Livestock in Utah continue to do well on rangeland and pastures, which have an abundance of grass. There have been reports in **Utah County** that a large number of range sheep have been killed by predators. Many producers in **Emery County** have lost feed for summer grazing due to flooding.

Crop Progress for Week Ending July 10, 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	81	63	93	92
Oats Headed Stage	63	48	67	72
Spring Wheat Headed	53	26	88	86
Alfalfa First Cutting	93	88	96	97
Alfalfa Second Cutting	9	3	NA	NA
Other Hay Cut	66	59	76	72
Sweet Cherries Harvested	16	1	24	52

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending July 10, 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	10	67	22
Spring Wheat	1	2	17	56	24
Winter Wheat	1	3	34	43	19
Barley	0	1	11	66	22
Oats	1	1	12	79	7
Corn	1	3	40	54	2
Sheep	0	1	16	73	10
Cattle/calves	0	1	14	71	14

Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 10, 2011

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	14	84	2
Subsoil	0	11	88	1
Irrigation water supplies	0	2	72	26
Stock water supplies	0	1	87	12

Crop Development for Week Ending July 10, 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	19	14	NA	19