



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

For the week ending September 9, 2012, there was a reported 6.8 days suitable for field work. **Carbon County** reports that recent cloudbursts in the mountains have helped relieve some pressure from summer range, but have also exacerbated flooding and erosion conditions. The storms across the desert have been spotty, leaving green patches. Some irrigation water has been shut off for the season.

Field Crop Summary

In **Box Elder County** farmers are beginning to chop corn silage - especially those fields that were infested with spider mites. Yields appear to be good. Grain corn is still a few weeks away but some fields are drying down. Most of the corn in the county is in the dent stage. The peach harvest is about two weeks ahead of schedule. Farmers are reporting good yields and quality. New crop apples are just beginning to be harvested. The onion harvest is just beginning; as farmers have held off lifting their onions until the weather cooled off. Farmers continue to harvest alfalfa hay and irrigate fields. Many fields in the Bear River Valley that were in grain stubble this year have been worked and irrigated in preparation for planting back to fall wheat or barley. Dry land safflower is also in the process of being harvested. Yields will generally be lower than normal due to the dry conditions during this growing season. Dry land farmers are waiting for more precipitation before planting dry land wheat. **Garfield/Kane Counties** report that monsoon rains have damaged substantial amounts of hay. **Weber County** reports that honey production is around half of a normal year. Corn silage harvest is going well and the yields are close to normal. Looks like there will be a good 4th crop of alfalfa.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County livestock producers are scrambling to line up fall pasture for their animals as they come off summer ranges. Most report that they will be off summer ranges by October 1 and fall feed will be a major problem due to drought. Ranchers are quite concerned about fall and winter feed for their cows. Some ranchers report that they will have enough grass in fields (left over from last season) to get through. Others will need to purchase alfalfa or use their own hay to make it through the fall and winter seasons. Still others may need to cull their herds a little deeper than they would like.

Crop Progress for Week Ending September 9, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Onions Harvested	12	4	11	26
Oats Harvested (Grain)	85	84	79	82
Corn Dough Stage	88	66	58	77
Corn Dent Stage	48	25	10	30
Alfalfa Third Cutting	85	84	55	67
Apple Harvested	7	4	1	14
Peach Harvested	55	45	35	58

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 9, 2012

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	12	33	35	19	1
Corn	2	10	23	50	15
Sheep	0	1	22	70	7
Cattle/calves	0	3	31	63	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 9, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	22	43	35	0
Subsoil	27	39	34	0
Irrigation water supplies	35	28	37	0
Stock water supplies	15	40	45	0