



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Normal August weather has been in place in **Box Elder County** with warm temperatures and no moisture. No precipitation has been received in August and very dry, dusty conditions persist. A combination of dry weather and wild fires has complicated grazing options in **Cache County**. Monsoon rains have improved range conditions and soil moisture in **Iron County**.

Field Crop Summary

Wheat harvest is just about complete in **Box Elder County** and yields for the most part have been below normal. Dry land producers report that they harvested 15 to 25 bushels per acre. Farmers report normal to a little below normal on their irrigated wheat acreage. Safflower in the county looks surprisingly good. Harvest should begin in the next two weeks as it dries down and ripens. Producers continue to cut and bale alfalfa hay. Most producers are working on the third cutting but there are some who are ready to start on 4th cutting. Corn producers have good to excellent fields of corn this year. Most of the corn is eared out well and is in the dough stage. It looks like the crop is early so harvest for silage could begin around the 1st of September. Onions are beginning to mature. Producers will probably wait for the temperatures to cool some before lifting their onions. Harvest continues with wheat and barley in **Cache County**. Yields are quite diverse, depending on location and availability of irrigation water. Alfalfa hay and corn continues to grow well when properly irrigated, but water supplies are dwindling quickly.

Livestock Summary

Livestock producers in **Box Elder County** are facing very dry range conditions on their summer ranges. Fires are still burning on the Utah - Idaho Stateline and have forced the removal of some livestock for the rest of the season. Pasture conditions are poor to very poor. The availability of livestock water is becoming a serious problem as streams, ponds and springs continue to go dry. Livestock producers in **Cache County** will likely have to remove their animals from summer range earlier than anticipated.

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending August 18, 2013

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	5	23	46	26	0
Spring Wheat	2	9	21	56	12
Oats	0	0	20	72	8
Corn	0	0	17	65	18
Sheep	0	1	28	66	5
Cattle/calves	0	2	26	67	5

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 18, 2013

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	21	48	31	0
Subsoil	30	40	30	0
Irrigation water supplies	30	37	33	0
Stock water supplies	22	30	48	0

Crop Progress & Development for Week Ending August 18, 2013

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Crop Progress			
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Harvested (Grain)	73	61	87	68
Oats Harvested Silage/Hay	94	90	91	92
Spring Wheat Harvested	66	32	86	55
Winter Wheat Harvested	85	72	95	78
Corn Silk Stage	92	80	96	86
Corn Dough Stage	22	4	20	18
Alfalfa Second Cutting	97	92	96	92
Alfalfa Third Cutting	24	14	82	31
Apricots Harvested	97	94	96	96
Peaches Harvested	24	20	NA	NA

