



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Crops continue to progress around the state. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Weather continues to be hot and dry making an already dry situation worse. Livestock continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

News reports indicated that people on about 10 ranches in northwestern Utah evacuated Saturday as a fire grew to about 11 square miles. Fires continue to spread along the Nevada/Utah border potentially harming farmers and producers farmland. Firefighters from around the region have been asked to aid in containing Utah fires. Across the state winter wheat was 33 percent harvested compared to 12 percent the previous week. Barley was 16 percent harvested compared to 2 percent harvested the previous week. Box Elder County reports that the winter wheat harvest is well underway. Reported yields have been mixed with some farmers reporting good yields and others being disappointed. Cache County reports that the winter wheat harvest has begun, but unfortunately, some areas in the county have reported armyworms. Dry land wheat is being cut in the Hansel Valley, Blue Creek, and Pocatello valleys. Safflower fields look good in some areas of the county and fair-to-poor in others. Corn is about 50% tasseled and is growing well where there is adequate irrigation water. Emery County reports that crops with adequate irrigation water continue to do well, but irrigation water supplies will begin to be very short around the first of August.

Livestock Summary

Iron County reports that monsoon rains have helped range conditions and filled stock ponds. Beaver County reports that the pastures are still dry but a few showers have come in the past week to provide some relief. Pasture range and hay stocks are also becoming hard to find within the county. Beaver County also reports that ranchers are starting to sell off their cows and calves. Box Elder County reports that pasture and rangelands look very bad with virtually no green in them at this point. Livestock producers continue to worry about coming home early from the summer ranges and having no pasture to go to. Box Elder also reports that hay prices are extremely high and supplies are very short.

Crop Progress for Week Ending July 22, 2007

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Harvested (Grain)	16	2	11	12
Oats Headed Stage	90	82	88	88
Oats Harvested (Grain)	30	25	52	14
Spring Wheat Harvested	7	1	6	7
Corn Dough Stage	5	NA	NA	NA
Alfalfa Second Cutting	80	56	75	63
Other Hay Cut	80	80	75	80
Peach Harvested	6	NA	NA	NA

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending July 22, 2007

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	23	36	30	11	0
Spring Wheat	5	18	41	31	5
Winter Wheat	4	13	36	40	7
Barley	0	2	27	57	14
Corn	0	0	20	66	14
Sheep	0	1	23	73	3
Cattle/calves	0	2	27	66	5

Livestock Percent for Week Ending July 22, 2007

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	42	24	17	8

Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 22, 2007

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	36	40	24	0
Subsoil	36	40	24	0
Irrigation water supplies	33	39	28	0
Stock water supplies	16	43	41	0