



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Summer rains brought relief to some areas of the State this past week but generally, conditions remained dry. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.3 for the week ending July 29, 2007. Soil moisture was rated 32 percent very short, 43 percent short, and 25 percent adequate. There was flash flooding in areas near Tooele and Grantsville.

Field Crops Summary

Harvest of small grains continued to progress rapidly. Winter wheat harvest was 43 percent completed, 8 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Spring wheat harvest was 21 percent completed, 7 percentage points above the average. Harvest of barley and oats were also ahead of average. Crop conditions were regarded as mostly good for small grains. Second cutting of alfalfa hay was 82 percent completed, also ahead of the average. Third cutting has started in early areas. Some hay got rained on in the windrow last week. Average corn height was 70 inches, 2 inches taller than average. The percentage of corn tasseled was 48 percent, 7 percentage points ahead of the average. Early peaches are being picked and sold at roadside stands. Peach harvest is 11 percent completed.

Livestock Summary

Scattered thunderstorms helped range conditions in some areas this past week. Range and pasture conditions were rated 23 percent very poor, 34 percent poor, 32 percent fair, and 11 percent good, a slight improvement from last week. Forty four percent of cattle inventories have been removed from summer ranges, 32 percent more than the 5-year average for this time. This is due mainly to poor range conditions and range fires that have damaged many acres of summer range.

Crop Progress for Week Ending July 29, 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)	27	16	24	22
Oats Headed Stage	93	90	91	92
Oats Harvested (Grain)	36	30	57	20
Spring Wheat Harvested	21	7	16	14
Winter Wheat Harvested	43	33	40	35
Corn Silk Stage	48	43	56	41
Corn Dough Stage	9	5	0	0
Alfalfa Second Cutting	82	80	81	76
Other Hay Cut	84	80	83	86
Peach Harvested	11	6	4	4

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending July 29, 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	34	32	11	0
Spring Wheat	2	10	47	35	6
Winter Wheat	4	13	37	38	8
Barley	0	2	31	53	14
Corn	0	1	23	62	14
Sheep	0	1	21	74	4
Cattle/calves	0	2	26	64	8

Livestock Percent for Week Ending July 29, 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	44	42	17	12

Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 29, 2007

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	32	43	25	0
Subsoil	30	42	28	0
Irrigation water supplies	30	40	30	0
Stock water supplies	16	43	41	0