



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Farmers continue to harvest small grains. Temperatures around the state continue to get hotter. Days suitable for field work was 6.6 days.

Field Crops Summary

Barley was 92 percent harvested compared to 88 percent harvested the previous week. Alfalfa 3rd cutting was 88 percent harvested compared to 79 percent the previous week. Alfalfa 4th cutting was 21 percent harvested compared to 14 percent the previous week. Box Elder and Weber counties report that producers are harvesting alfalfa seed, preparing fields for fall planting, and harvesting corn silage. Some producers are green chopping their hay to save drying time. Box Elder County reports wheat producers are marketing their crop as prices have been very strong. Fruit farmers are continuing to harvest peaches, pears, and apples as well as other vegetables. Cache County reports that the safflower harvest as begun. Box Elder reports that their safflower harvest is progressing but yields have been low due to the hot dry summer. Cache County reports that some farmers have begun planting winter wheat, but most farmers are waiting for some more rain. Emery County reports that irrigated crops continue to do well but water supplies are running out.

Livestock Summary

Emery County reports that some areas within the county received over 1.5 inches of rain for the two day total. The mountain grazing season is coming to a close with some loss of grazing on the rangelands. Areas under sprinkler irrigation systems are doing much better than flood irrigation areas. Box Elder reports livestock producers are making arrangements for fall feed as the summer ranges are winding down and some producers have had to leave early due to wildfires or drought. Cache County reports that livestock is doing fine, but feed supplies are dwindling quickly on pastures and rangeland. Iron County reports that monsoon rains on the mountains continue to improve rangeland and stock water.

Crop Progress for Week Ending September 2, 2007

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Onions Harvested	35	30	30	28
Barley Harvested (Grain)	92	88	90	94
Oats Harvested (Grain)	83	80	85	79
Corn Dough Stage	82	74	87	76
Corn Dent Stage	44	21	33	27
Corn Mature	13	5	5	8
Alfalfa Third Cutting	88	79	76	63
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	21	14	7	7
Apple Harvested	24	7	35	15
Peach Harvested	53	46	52	59
Pears Harvested	44	21	48	45

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 2, 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	12	25	35	28	0
Spring Wheat	2	9	37	47	5
Barley	0	1	22	65	12
Corn	0	1	14	64	21
Sheep	0	0	12	79	9

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 2, 2007

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	22	43	35	0
Subsoil	23	43	34	0
Irrigation water supplies	20	42	38	0
Stock water supplies	15	33	52	0