



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Federal "grass banks" in five counties have been released for emergency grazing as ranchers struggle to feed their livestock after record wildfires and drought. Ranchers who have taken their land out of production in exchange for government payments will soon be able to open property for their own livestock and their neighbors' cattle in Juab, Cache, Box Elder, Millard and San Juan counties according to the Salt Lake Tribune. The days suitable for fieldwork was 6.3 days.

Field Crops Summary

Across the state oats for grain was 89 percent harvested compared to 83 percent the previous week. Alfalfa 4th cutting was 25 percent harvested compared to 21 percent harvested the previous week. Peaches were 74 percent harvested compared to 53 percent the previous week. Box Elder reports Tremonton received .44 inches of rainfall while rainfall was spotty in the rest of the county. The onion crop looks good this year although the price has dropped off. Corn producers will begin to harvest grain corn as high moisture in the next couple of weeks when the moisture level gets under 30%. Weber and Box Elder counties continue to harvest hay with some 5th crop being cut while other producers are finishing up 4th crop. Producers with irrigation water are watering fields back in preparation to plant fall grain or alfalfa. Emery County reports that many of the irrigation companies are turning off water at this time, which is about a month earlier than normal. Summit County reports that the rainfall received the past 2 days has delayed farmers from harvesting their 3rd crop alfalfa and beginning their fall tillage work.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports livestock producers are still struggling with dry ranges and lack of fall feed. Several producers who have had to come off their summer ranges early and have requested authorization to graze Conservation Reserve Program acreage mentioned above. Beaver County reports that the Milford fire ruined their winter ranges. As a result, hay has become difficult to find, and way expensive.

Crop Progress for Week Ending September 9, 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	40	35	40	38
Oats Harvested (Grain)	89	83	88	85
Corn Dough Stage	88	82	98	88
Corn Dent Stage	61	44	59	46
Corn Mature	20	13	18	20
Alfalfa Third Cutting	91	88	82	75
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	25	21	15	14
Apple Harvested	31	24	43	22
Peach Harvested	74	53	65	73
Pears Harvested	69	44	62	67

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 9, 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	18	35	27	20	0
Corn	0	1	24	63	12

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 9, 2007

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	24	41	34	1
Subsoil	30	42	28	0
Irrigation water supplies	31	44	25	0
Stock water supplies	21	36	43	0