



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Farmers experienced excellent weather this week. Days suitable for fieldwork were 7. Crops continue to progress around the state. Livestock continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Across the state winter wheat planted for 2008 was 20 percent complete compared to 12 percent the previous week. Alfalfa seed harvested was 40 percent compared to 28 percent the previous week. Alfalfa 4th cutting was 33 percent harvested compared to 25 percent the previous week. Peaches were 78 percent harvested compared to 74 percent the previous week. Box Elder reports that farmers are wrapping up the alfalfa seed harvest. The yields are reported to be around 1000 lbs per acre. Alfalfa hay producers are finishing with their 4th and 5th crop. The safflower harvest is just about complete within the county. Yields were reported to be very good on some irrigated land that was watered last fall. Grain producers on irrigated land have been planting fall grain with some fields emerged. Onion producers have begun lifting the onions to start the drying process. There are no reports of onions being hauled to the sheds, but that process is expected to begin this week. Cache County experienced a storm last week which made dry farmers optimistic about planting winter wheat for 2008. Farmers continue to chopping corn silage, harvesting safflower, harvesting 3rd and 4th crop hay, and planting winter wheat. The corn silage is exceptional, safflower yields are varied, and the hay quality is good.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports that sheep producers are starting the process of sorting and shipping lambs. Several producers have reported that water is becoming a problem on their ranges as the ponds and springs have started to go dry. Cache County reports that their cattle are in good to excellent condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending September 16, 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 | 47 | 40 | 43 | 45 |
| Corn Dough Stage | 91 | 88 | 100 | 95 |
| Corn Dent Stage | 74 | 61 | 82 | 68 |
| Corn Mature | 37 | 20 | 35 | 32 |
| Corn Silage Harvested | 51 | NA | 36 | 29 |
| Alfalfa Third Cutting | 94 | 91 | 92 | 85 |
| Alfalfa Fourth Cutting | 33 | 25 | 22 | 22 |
| Apple Harvested | 33 | 31 | 51 | 32 |
| Peach Harvested | 78 | 74 | 76 | 84 |
| Pears Harvested | 70 | 69 | 69 | 81 |

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 16, 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 | 22 | 36 | 30 | 12 | 0 |
| Corn | 0 | 1 | 25 | 55 | 19 |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 16, 2007

| Item | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Topsoil | 26 | 40 | 34 | 0 |
| Subsoil | 31 | 43 | 26 | 0 |
| Irrigation water supplies | 37 | 40 | 23 | 0 |
| Stock water supplies | 26 | 37 | 37 | 0 |