



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Box Elder and Emery counties experienced some rainfall this week. The days suitable for fieldwork were 6.5 days. Crops continue to progress around the state. Livestock continue to do well.

## Field Crops Summary

Across the state winter wheat planted for 2008 was, 29 percent compared to 20 percent the previous week. Alfalfa seed harvest was 45 percent compared to 45 percent the previous week. Alfalfa 4<sup>th</sup> cutting was 48 percent harvested compared to 33 percent harvested the previous week. Peaches were 87 percent harvested compared to 78 percent the previous week. Box Elder reports that onions were being hauled from the field as fast as possible. Producers are trying to avoid getting the onions rained on. Grain Corn is being cut as high moisture and eventually hammer milled into a type of flour and preserved for later cattle feeding. Dryland producers are still waiting for more rain to plant fall wheat. Farmers continue to plant winter wheat in irrigated fields with some of the crop already emerged. Cache County reports that 4<sup>th</sup> crop alfalfa, corn for silage, and safflower harvest continue to progress within the county. Beaver County reports that 4<sup>th</sup> crop alfalfa harvesting is going well, while warm temperatures during the month has kept the alfalfa growing well. Emery County reported over an inch of rainfall Saturday night. Grain corn has shown significant damage from a pest known as the Western Bean Cutworm. The damage occurred on BT corn (genetically modified crop), which suggests that this particular caterpillar has resistance to some strains of the genetically modified corn.

## Livestock Summary

Emery County reports that the availability of hay at a reasonable cost continues to be a big concern going into the fall and winter season, especially since the winter ranges are in rough shape. Box Elder reports livestock producers are moving cattle from the summer ranges to the fall ranges with fall feed being very short. Sheep producers are sorting lambs and sending the heavy ones to market and the lighter ones to feedlots. Cache County reports that producers are seeing some pneumonia in cattle as the nights become cooler and the days remain warm.

**Crop Progress  
for Week Ending September 23, 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	83	47	57	59
Winter Wheat Planted	29	20	40	46
Winter Wheat Emerged	7	NA	19	17
Corn Dent Stage	83	74	92	81
Corn Mature	58	37	56	44
Corn Grain Harvested	12	7	9	NA
Corn Silage Harvested	59	51	56	48
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	48	33	38	35
Apple Harvested	42	32	54	43
Peach Harvested	87	78	93	94
Pears Harvested	79	70	94	93

**Crop & Livestock Condition  
for Week Ending September 23, 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	20	38	30	12	0
Corn	0	0	22	61	17

**Soil Moisture  
for Week Ending September 23, 2007**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	24	43	33	0
Subsoil	33	41	26	0
Irrigation water supplies	42	39	19	0
Stock water supplies	24	37	39	0