



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Warm weather prevailed this week. Days suitable for field work was 6.9. Weather conditions around the state continue to be hot and dry. Livestock continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports that the Blue Creek and Pocatello Valley areas have only had 0.6 inches of rainfall since the snow melted this spring. Farmers have wrapped up first crop hay and are watering second crop. Some second crop will be cut in the next week. Fall wheat fields are starting to turn color in the Bear River Valley. Some moisture would be helpful in the dryland areas. Hay prices continue rise, but producers are extremely nervous with livestock prices falling and feed costs soaring. There has been much talk of heavy culling this fall if enough hay cannot be raised to winter herds. Tooele county reports farmers will start cutting 2nd crop alfalfa this week. Sevier County reports grasshoppers and other insects are a problem in some areas. Summit County reports farmers are finishing up cutting first crop alfalfa while grass hay cutting is about halfway completed in the county. Irrigation continues on alfalfa and grass hay fields. Beaver County reports hay looks well, but farmers are still having concern over grasshoppers. Iron County reports 1st crop alfalfa yields were reduced due to slow growth from cold spring temperatures and insect damage.

Livestock Summary

Summit County reports most of their livestock has been moved to summer ranges. Uintah County reports pastures and ranges are experiencing some grasshopper problems on the west side of county. Iron County reports that high elevation ranges look good but ranges at lower elevations are starting to dry out.

Crop Progress for Week Ending July 6, 2008

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Headed Stage	80	75	95	90
Oats Headed Stage	54	46	71	68
Spring Wheat Headed	76	45	96	88
Alfalfa First Cutting	86	84	99	98
Alfalfa Second Cutting	5	NA	27	23
Other Hay Cut	69	48	77	67
Apricots Harvested	11	NA	60	41
Tart Cherries Harvested	NA	NA	21	19

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending July 6, 2008

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	3	7	39	33	18
Sheep	0	0	21	73	6
Cattle/calves	0	1	36	57	6

Livestock Percent for Week Ending July 6, 2008

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sheep Moved to Summer Range	97	90	96	97

Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 6, 2008

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	17	34	49	0
Subsoil	1	39	60	0
Stock water supplies	1	9	90	0