



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Crops continue to progress around the state. Days suitable for field work were 6.5. A few counties experience some rainfall and thunderstorms, while most continue to experience hot and dry weather. Livestock continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder experienced a few isolated severe thundershowers on Monday and Tuesday. Rain was heavy where they hit but other areas just a few miles away were dry. The wheat harvest is progressing. Some corn fields are now tasseling. Second cutting of alfalfa is almost done in the Bear River Valley. Cache County reports days continue to be hot and dry. Farmers are quickly cutting second crop hay, which is good quality. Some are beginning to harvest grain, but most will finish their alfalfa before they get into the grain harvest. Corn is growing steadily with the hot weather and irrigation. Flies and mosquito's continue to irritate grazing cattle, but most producers are using dust bags or timely spraying to control them. Utah County reports sweet cherries could be short due to early frost by as much as 85 percent or more. Apples and peaches look good at this point. Farmers are cutting their second crop alfalfa and the barley is looking really good. Duchesne County reports 2nd crop hay harvest is in full swing. Also, producers within the county have been involved in grasshopper control at this time. Beaver County reported that they received over 2 1/2 inches of rain last week. Second crop haying has been on hold because of the rain and farmers probably won't get started cutting until this week.

Livestock Summary

Utah County reports mountain rain showers are helping the rangeland. Iron County reports monsoon rains continue to improve range and soil moisture conditions. Cache County reports rangeland and pastures are showing evidence of stress.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending July 27, 2008**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Harvested (Grain)	18	NA	24	20
Oats Headed Stage	88	79	92	91
Oats Harvested (Grain)	13	NA	34	23
Spring Wheat Harvested	7	NA	17	12
Winter Wheat Harvested	25	7	40	33
Corn Silk Stage	24	6	47	37
Alfalfa Second Cutting	47	31	81	74
Other Hay Cut	81	78	83	83
Apricots Harvested	70	65	99	90
Peach Harvested	5	NA	10	4
Sweet Cherries Harvested	75	35	100	98
Tart Cherries Harvested	47	15	99	77

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending July 27, 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	13	24	48	12
Sheep	0	0	12	80	8
Cattle/calves	0	1	24	64	11

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending July 27, 2008**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	18	38	44	0
Subsoil	10	38	52	0
Stock water supplies	7	16	77	0