



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Heavy rains fell in several places around Utah. Days suitable for field work were 6.5 days. Farmers were picking fruit and harvesting small grains and hay.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports that farmers continue to harvest grain. Some spotty showers in the later half of the week produced high winds and a little moisture in isolated areas. The corn crop is doing well while 2nd cutting of alfalfa hay is almost done with some 3rd crop being cut around Corinne and Elwood. Farmers are also putting up the straw from their fields as a result of the high feed prices. Safflower fields are just finishing the bloom and are starting to set seeds. Weber County reports many corn fields are experiencing high levels of corn mites that are affecting the plants. Farmers continue spraying to keep the mites under control. Sevier County reports heavy rains caused some flooding, a few acres of crop damage, and decreased the quality of swathed hay still in the field. Uintah County reports heavy rain fell in some locations this week causing some erosion and flooding. Some of the second crop hay was rained on in the windrow. Iron County reports monsoon rains continue to improve range and soil moisture conditions, but it has also resulted in a significant amount of second crop hay being damaged in the field. Wayne County reports August monsoons brought needed rain to desert range. Flood damage to Caineville canal occurred. The diversion structure is silted closed which has left approximately 600 acres without irrigation water.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports that range conditions continue to be poor with most ranges drought stressed. Grasshoppers continue to be a problem in several areas. Beaver County reports summer rains are aiding pastureland. Producers are also having some problems with Trichomoniasis.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending August 10, 2008**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Onions Harvested	12	0	18	10
Barley Harvested (Grain)	54	29	64	56
Oats Harvested (Grain)	16	15	49	49
Spring Wheat Harvested	37	14	64	48
Winter Wheat Harvested	70	33	81	69
Corn Silk Stage	67	54	87	80
Alfalfa Second Cutting	87	70	95	92
Other Hay Cut	88	84	91	91
Apricots Harvested	85	83	100	98
Peach Harvested	20	16	19	16

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending August 10, 2008**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	7	16	23	39	15

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending August 10, 2008**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	17	39	44	0
Subsoil	11	34	55	0
Stock water supplies	6	17	77	0