



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Farmers are expecting good yields on their crops this year. Some counties received lots of rain over the weekend. Days suitable for work were 6.8. Livestock producers are keeping an eye-out for symptoms of pneumonia.

## Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports that farmers are just about to finish the grain harvest including some spring wheat fields that were planted late around the county. Generally the grain harvest has been mixed. Most grain in the Snowville, Hansel Valley and Blue Creek areas were poor due to drought at planting last fall and drought this spring. Corn is progressing in the county with some of the grain in the dent stage. Spider mites are starting to cause some damage and some producers are spraying if their corn still has a ways to go. Safflower cutting has been attempted in some areas but it still had too much moisture in it to combine. Dryland producers are getting ready to plant but need some moisture to drill. Hay producers are wrapping up 3rd crop. Hay prices continue to be high and irrigated hay has been good despite a 3 week delay this spring due to cold weather. Alfalfa seed producers are looking to begin harvest very soon. This year they expect good yields based on the seedpods on the plants. Cache County received one inch of rain over the weekend. Most of the hay was out of the field, though some growers suffered rain damage. The moisture will enhance the planting and germination of winter wheat within the county. It will also help the pastures and rangelands. Silage corn is looking good and the harvest should begin within two weeks. Beaver County reports the weather has been hot and dry. Farmers have begun cutting 3<sup>rd</sup> crop alfalfa within the county. Tooele reports farmers have seen a large number of grasshoppers between Erda and Tooele.

## Livestock Summary

Box Elder livestock producers have reported some dust pneumonia in calves and are on the looking for early symptoms in calves so treatments can be carried out. Livestock ranges have really gone down hill in the last 30 to 45 days due to drought and extreme heat. Cache County reports that the livestock are faring well but as the nights begin to get cooler farmers are anticipating an increase in pneumonia in their cattle. Beaver County reports ranges and pasturelands are getting very dry.

**Crop Progress  
for Week Ending August 31, 2008**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Onions Harvested	25	24	34	26
Barley Harvested (Grain)	84	82	91	92
Oats Harvested (Grain)	64	47	82	78
Spring Wheat Harvested	90	71	96	90
Corn Dent Stage	14	0	37	27
Alfalfa Third Cutting	38	25	85	67
Peach Harvested	43	38	51	50

**Crop & Livestock Condition  
for Week Ending August 31, 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	5	13	27	42	13

**Soil Moisture  
for Week Ending August 31, 2008**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	9	33	58	0
Subsoil	12	40	48	0
Stock water supplies	9	26	65	0