



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

The days are getting colder and the fall harvest for many commodities is almost complete. The days suitable for work were 6.4 days. Livestock continue to do well.

## Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports a storm moved into the area on Friday night and dropped gentle and widespread precipitation to the county. The rainfall might cause a delay in the harvesting of alfalfa hay, corn, and onions. Fortunately, producers will still be able to finish the planting of fall wheat and the moisture will give a boost that the grain that is already planted. Much of the fall wheat planted in the Bear River Valley has emerged and some dry land wheat on the east side of the county has emerged also. Cache County reports corn silage harvest continues in earnest. Farmers are reporting good yields. Winter wheat plantings will benefit from two days of rain. Growers are grateful for the rains which will enhance fall plowing and livestock grazing. Local farmers are hoping for several more weeks before really cold weather sets in. Most farmers have begun chopping silage corn. Tooele reports silage corn harvest is nearing completion. Sevier County reports recent rains have brought much needed moisture. Emery County reports rainstorms over the weekend were very beneficial to their area. Mountains received great amounts of rainfall and some snowfall at highest elevations. Most crop activities within the county are nearing completion for the year. Summit County reports some fourth cutting of alfalfa is taking place in lower elevations while the dry weather has dried out pasture and range grasses. Beaver County reports farmers are finishing 3rd crop hay while reports indicate that there will be no 4th crop in the county this year.

## Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports livestock producers are gathering cattle and sheep from the summer ranges and are moving them to fall pastures. Emery County reports cattle and sheep are being moved off of summer ranges now. Summit reports livestock producers beginning to ship calves and lambs to feedlots. Beaver County reports ranchers gathering up cattle and getting calves ready to sell.

**Crop Progress  
for Week Ending October 5, 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	67	60	89	80
Barley Harvested (Grain)	100	100	100	100
Winter Wheat Planted	67	64	58	66
Corn Dent Stage	89	84	95	96
Corn Mature	61	57	86	77
Apple Harvested	49	26	65	66
Pears Harvested	65	60	89	97

**Crop & Livestock Condition  
for Week Ending October 5, 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	9	18	33	33	7

**Livestock Percent  
for Week Ending October 5, 2008**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle Moved from Summer Range	34	29	74	54
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	36	30	57	54

**Soil Moisture  
for Week Ending October 5, 2008**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	8	34	58	0
Subsoil	17	38	45	0
Stock water supplies	12	28	60	0