



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Field work for this year may come to an end early due to the cold frost some counties experienced over the weekend. The days suitable for work was 5.5 days. Livestock continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports receiving rainfall county wide last weekend. Up to 1" 1/4 inches of rain fell in most places. Farmers continue to harvest crops, but the county experienced a hard freeze on October 9th which affected tender crops such as vegetables and corn. Cache County reports farmers are having some difficulty chopping silage corn between storms. Morgan farmers are still chopping corn silage, but the hay is all harvested. Weber County reports corn silage harvest is almost done while there are still a few light crops of 4th cutting alfalfa that are being cut. Sevier County reports snow showers have brought the needed moisture but farmers are debating whether to reduce 4th cutting alfalfa or not to cut it at all. Carbon County reports recent rains have helped improve fall pasture conditions and lessen concerns about feed availability for cattle and sheep. The volume of third crop hay was light due to late spring season but most of the hay this year has been put up in good condition. Beaver County reports the weekend storm really helped put moisture into the ground but the hard frost shut down all crop growth in the county.

Livestock Summary

Cache County reports lots of manure being hauled from dairies and feed yards. Beef producers are selling their calves, though discouraged with lower prices for feeder calves. The limited and costly feed supplies has caused ranchers to bank on a late open fall where cattle can graze as late as possible. Beaver County reports cows are being brought off the range.

Crop Progress for Week Ending October 12, 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	87	67	95	90
Winter Wheat Planted	70	67	62	75
Corn Dent Stage	92	89	99	98
Corn Mature	66	61	91	85
Apple Harvested	60	49	77	75
Pears Harvested	71	65	94	99

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending October 12, 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	11	19	29	36	5

Livestock Percent for Week Ending October 12, 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	50	34	79	68
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	50	36	74	70

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 12, 2008

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	5	29	66	0
Subsoil	12	44	44	0
Stock water supplies	13	25	62	0