



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

The weather was very nice this week with above average temperatures and no moisture. All seven days were suitable for field work. Some parts of the state report that things are still dry.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports that farmers in the Bear River Valley continue harvesting corn for grain and planting fall wheat on the irrigated acreage. Harvest of alfalfa hay and onions is complete for the most part. Safflower harvest is almost complete and should wrap up in the next few days. Most of the wheat that has been planted has emerged and looks good. Some moisture is needed before the temperatures get too cold. Hay prices have declined due to the economic situation in the country.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County livestock producers have moved off of summer ranges and are weaning and shipping calves. There is a huge concern about the slippage in prices for calves that were not already sold on contract. Producers are concerned about winter feed supplies due to shortage of fall pasture. Many producers in the western part of the county did not grow enough forage for their livestock's needs due to drought conditions this growing season. Summit County reports that cattle producers continue to ship calves to buyers. Beaver County reports finishing up fall work such as gathering cattle and hauling manure.

Crop Progress for Week Ending October 26, 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	100	93	100	99
Winter Wheat Planted	95	86	91	93
Winter Wheat Emerged	55	46	68	71
Corn Dent Stage	N/A	96	N/A	N/A
Apple Harvested	100	62	91	88
Pears Harvested	100	72	100	100

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending October 26, 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	8	15	32	40	5

Livestock Percent for Week Ending October 26, 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	86	67	84	88
Sheep/Lambs Moved from Summer Range	88	66	91	91

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 26, 2008

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	5	38	57	0
Subsoil	12	36	52	0
Stock water supplies	11	27	62	0