



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

The weather was excellent this week with above average temperatures. Days suitable for work were 6.9. Farmers were able to finish most of their harvest as result of the warm dry temperatures.

Field Crops Summary

Morgan and Weber Counties report that the warm and dry fall weather has allowed growers to harvest late growth of alfalfa and grass forages. Grain corn harvest is beginning while most fall grains have been planted. Cache County reports receiving a ½ inch of rain over the weekend. The moisture has been helpful to the winter wheat that was planted in dry dirt. All crops within the county have been harvested with the exception of a little grain corn. Alfalfa hay producers were also able to harvest a good 4th cutting.

Livestock Summary

Cache County reports livestock are doing fine. Ranchers are discouraged, however, with the depressed prices of feeder cattle. Summit County reports cattle producers finishing up shipping calves to buyers. Carbon County reports cattle and sheep came off the summer range in good condition. Feed on the winter range looks pretty good. Lack of precipitation in the winter range is causing some concern about stock water availability out on the desert.

Crop Progress for Week Ending November 2, 2008

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter Wheat Planted	98	95	99	98
Winter Wheat Emerged	56	55	78	81
Corn Grain Harvested	34	32	73	69

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending November 2, 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	4	12	35	43	6

Livestock Percent for Week Ending November 2, 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	92	86	89	94
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	96	88	99	97

Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 2, 2008

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	1	27	72	0
Subsoil	10	34	56	0
Stock water supplies	10	24	66	0