



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Some counties are receiving rain and snow which has provided much needed moisture. The days suitable for field work 5.5 days. Field work has almost come to an end.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports work continues around the county for grain corn harvest and residue removal. There has been some activity in the last few weeks of baling corn stocks as a feed source. The storm that occurred at the first of last week hampered the harvest activity and the seeding of fall grain on the corn fields. Yields were down somewhat compared to other years but some high yields have been reported by farmers. Producers blame the late spring and cooler than normal summer temperatures for lower yields. Recent rain has helped winter wheat which is now mostly emerged. Volatile wheat prices are a great concern to wheat producers. Tremonton received about an inch and a quarter last week and the storm seems to be widespread over the entire county. This moisture will give the grass a good beginning for next year. Cache County reports not much field work taking place with the exception of a little grain corn, the crops are all in. Farmers are still in the process of fall plowing. Uintah reports farmers are waiting better weather before harvesting grain corn.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder Reports cows, calves and sheep are mostly off summer ranges. Livestock producers have brought their livestock home to residue fields and are preparing for winter. Calves are being weaned and shipped to buyers. Sheep producers are in alfalfa fields and are in process of turning in the bucks for the breeding season. Beaver County reports farmers are hauling manure and gathering in cattle. Cache County reports several ranchers are holding onto their feeder calves hoping for higher prices after the first of the year. Ranchers are grateful for open weather and good fall grazing still, which saves valuable hay that has been stacked for the colder winter months. Ranchers report that starlings have been their biggest problem. Starling have been stealing and contaminating feed from dairies and feedlots. Thus far ranchers have not received any help on local levels in regards to control.

Crop Progress for Week Ending November 9, 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 Emerged	82	56	85	86
Corn Grain Harvested	60	34	87	77

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending November 9, 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	7	11	35	43	4

Livestock Percent for Week Ending November 9, 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	97	92	97	99
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	98	96	100	99

Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 9, 2008

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	2	17	81	0
Subsoil	9	26	65	0
Stock water supplies	5	20	75	0