



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

The state of Utah continues to receive stormy weather and cooler than normal temperatures. The days suitable for work were 5.9 days. Livestock around the state continues to do well. Farmers are beginning to spray for minor infestations in several counties. Livestock continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports receiving some rainfall in most areas last week. Rainfall in the Tremonton area was 1.2 inches. Corinne and Snowville reported 0.98 and 0.97 inches respectively. Some areas have had reports of hail mixed with rain which resulted in crop damage and erosion. Localized flooding occurred in the Blue Creek area with water and mud running across both lanes of I-84 and washing out planted wheat. Last week's rainfall impacted the county's hay crop. Many producers could not get their hay dry enough to bale. Others producers are holding off on cutting first crop in hopes of warmer weather. There was significant hail damage to several hundred acres of dry land wheat in the Blue Creek area during the week. Areas that received hail damage report 50% to 100% loss in wheat yields to those fields affected. Corn looks good and is approximately 5 inches high. **Utah County reports** first crop hay is being cut. Producers have spotted a lot of foxtail in that area. Winter wheat producers report their crop is in excellent condition. **Morgan County** reports corn planting is going well. Recent rains have helped newly planted alfalfa, grain, and corn. **Cache County reports** farmers have experienced another wet week, thus hindering much fieldwork. Pastures, rangelands and small grains continue to look well with the cooler, wet weather. Alfalfa hay producers may have to cut their hay early because the alfalfa weevils are causing significant damage to the crop. The hay within the county is mature enough to be harvested. Cereal leaf beetles are also being spotted in small grains. The crop will likely need to be sprayed as soon as weather conditions permit. Black Grass Bugs continue to be troublesome in some areas as well. Cache County also experienced significant hail damage early in the week. Leaves were riddled from alfalfa plants and some of the new seedling corn was beat to the ground. Growers are anxious to harvest the riddled hay as soon as they are able to get into the fields. **Tooele County** reports farmers are planning to spray this week for grasshoppers. **Weber County** reports a lot of alfalfa was down and got rained on, but it is drying out and should be ready for harvest. The rain has also aided the corn crop. **Sevier County** reports an infestation of grasshoppers and Black Grass Bugs which are expected to cause some crop and range damage in about 3 to 4 weeks. **Duchene County** reports producers are organizing and spraying for grasshoppers throughout the county. They hope to get them sprayed this week before they grow too large. Grain looks to be very good while the first cutting of hay is going well despite the hay being rained on. **Dagget County** reports areas are infested with grasshoppers and producers are organizing to start spraying. Alfalfa hay is being cut in some areas. Alfalfa weevil seems to be a problem. **Emery County** reports continued cooler temperatures have slowed growth of irrigated crops in the area, but crops continue to do well otherwise. Some moisture has been received recently, which has helped the grasses on the ranges to grow. First cutting of alfalfa hay is getting under way in the county. **Summit County** reports rain this past week delayed farming operations such as weed spraying, tillage and planting. **Uintah County** reports canal repair was completed. All areas of the county are irrigating. Haying activities began last week within the county, but grasshoppers are beginning to show up in Jensen. **Beaver County** reports 1st crop cutting has begun. Alfalfa looks good while the corn is a couple of weeks behind but catching up. The grasshopper problem is getting worse on the east side of the county. **Iron County** reports grasshoppers are damaging rangelands and home landscapes in some areas of the county. Ranges are looking very good while 1st crop alfalfa is well underway.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending June 7, 2009**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Headed Stage	30	NA	NA	NA
Oats Emerged	85	77	76	87
Oats Headed Stage	10	NA	NA	NA
Spring Wheat Headed	10	NA	NA	NA
Winter Wheat Head Stage	60	32	33	54
Alfalfa First Cutting	36	NA	NA	47

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending June 7, 2009**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	12	84	4
Subsoil	0	18	81	1
Irrigation water supplies	5	9	84	2
Stock water supplies	1	11	88	0

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County reports range conditions throughout the county are improving with recent showers. The western part of the county looks better than it has for several years. Livestock producers have moved herds to the summer ranges and reports are that grass and livestock water conditions are good to excellent. Cattlemen report ranges and pastures to be in excellent shape because of spring rains. Cattle and calves are in good condition. **Cache County reports** livestock continue to thrive on lush pastures and rangelands. **Carbon County** reports sheep are beginning to trail up to summer range but heavy infestation of grasshoppers on the south end of the county continues to be a concern. **Duchene County** reports most of the cattle will be on summer pasture after this week and the feed looks to be very good. **Emery County** reports stock water supplies continue to be a problem for area producers as many of them are hauling water to keep livestock on the ranges. Mountain ranges look to be in good shape right now and livestock producers will begin moving their livestock to the mountain ranges in the next few weeks.

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending June 7, 2009**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	2	3	23	60	12
Winter Wheat	0	9	16	58	17
Sheep	0	1	11	78	10
Cattle/calves	0	1	11	78	10

**Livestock Percent
for Week Ending June 7, 2009**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sheep Moved to Summer Range	73	32	60	63
Cattle Moved to Summer Range	61	49	60	62
Ewes Lambed on Range	93	92	100	99