



# 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 4.6 days. Livestock around the state continues to do well.

## Field Crops Summary

**Box Elder County** reports the weather continued to be the main topic of conversation in the County during the last week. Maximum temperatures during the week of 6/7 to 6/13 were in the mid 70's while low temperatures were in the mid 40's, but no frost was reported. Rainfall ranged from 1/2 to 1.26 inches. Areas of the county experienced heavy rainfall with some small hail mixed in. Almost all areas of the county have had good amounts of precipitation. First cutting of alfalfa has been tough to get harvested. Some hay has been in the windrows for three weeks, has been repeatedly rained on, and is black. Other producers are waiting for better weather to cut the hay but it is getting old and rank and the weevil larva are beginning to cause a lot of damage. The wheat crop is looking good with most of the fall wheat now in the head. Spring wheat is coming along as well, and has benefited from this cool, moist weather. Wheat producers are experiencing a moderate amount of cereal leaf beetle damage. Some are spraying to control the insect but producers are concerned about fungus diseases, which are a problem with dry land wheat when there is abundant rainfall. Corn looks good for the most part but needs some warmer weather to really begin to grow. Corn ranges between 6 and 15 inches tall.

**Utah County reports** first crop alfalfa is still in the windrow some still not cut because of the rain. Hay quality is getting worse by the day. Ranges conditions look good. The sweet Cherry harvest will begin within the next few days. There has been a significant grasshopper problem in the Elberta Valley and on the farms around Goshen. About 30% of first crop hay has been rain damaged.

**Cache County reports** no fieldwork was accomplished in Cache County this week. There were persistent rains all through the week. Alfalfa hay is past the point of ideal harvest times. The alfalfa is getting old and coarse, but most of the damage is from the alfalfa weevil infestations. Cereal leaf beetle damage has been spotted in small grains as well. Corn seedlings are not growing because of cooler wet weather. Farmers within the county are hoping for a few weeks are warm dry weather.

**Tooele County reports** farmers sprayed nearly 20,000 acres for grasshoppers.

**Duchesne County reports** irrigation supplies are very good with the mountains receiving additional snow last week as well as much of the county receiving rain throughout the week. Most of the hay is down throughout the county and getting rained on. Producers are having a hard time getting the hay to dry, but hoping for warmer weather. Crops within the county are being affected by grasshoppers and producers will start spraying today with the help of the county extension agent. Farmers hope that they can stop the grasshoppers before much damage is done. The crops look to be in very good shape and the moisture received will help it immensely.

**Dagget County reports** 1st crop hay has been rained on. Several producers have reported weevil problems in their alfalfa.

**Iron County reports** most of first cutting hay has been rained on.

**Sevier County reports** a lot of pest problems (grasshoppers, black grass bugs) have been seen ruining wheat fields.

**Wayne County** had reports of 26-degree weather. First crop hay in the upper part of the county was damaged. All alfalfa fields are now showing signs of yellow leaves, as a result yields will be down.

**Crop Progress  
for Week Ending June 14, 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	47	30	NA	NA
Oats Emerged	98	85	92	94
Oats Headed Stage	18	10	NA	NA
Spring Wheat Headed	18	10	NA	NA
Winter Wheat Head Stage	83	60	65	76
Corn Emerged	93	83	82	90
Alfalfa First Cutting	52	36	NA	68

**Soil Moisture  
for Week Ending June 14, 2009**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	11	80	9
Subsoil	0	18	77	5
Irrigation water supplies	5	9	80	6
Stock water supplies	0	11	85	4

## Livestock Summary

**Box Elder County reports** livestock producers are happy to see the drought end and the grass begin to grow. The moisture has helped the perennial grasses grow and look really good. Sheep producers report that lamb numbers were down at docking due to losses in the wet weather and heavy predation by coyotes and eagles. Ranchers are reporting that ranges look very good due to moisture. Cows, calves and sheep are being moved to summer ranges. **Cache County reports** livestock continue to do well on green lush pastures. **Duchesne County reports** most of the livestock have been taken to summer range and the feed is the best it has looked in awhile.

**Crop & Livestock Condition  
for Week Ending June 14, 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	1	2	21	63	13
Winter Wheat	0	9	23	51	17
Barley	0	0	7	72	21
Corn	0	0	17	68	15
Sheep	0	1	8	80	11
Cattle/calves	0	0	13	82	5

**Livestock Percent  
for Week Ending June 14, 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	84	73	73	78
Cattle Moved to Summer Range	83	61	76	78