



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

The state of Utah continues to receive stormy weather that has damaged cut hay and other crops around Utah. The days suitable for work were 3.8 days. Livestock around the state continues to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports another week with scattered rain showers through out the county and all during the week. High temperatures during the week of 6/14 to 6/20 were in the low 80's while lows in Snowville dropped to 38 degrees. Rainfall ranged from 0.38 in Corinne to 0.67 in Snowville. Farmers were out of the fields most of the week due to wet conditions. Some farmers were able to cultivate corn and turn over some black hay that has been in the field for up to 4 weeks. Farmers are dealing with damaged hay in the field as the regrowth of the hay is nearing maturity for second crop. Winter wheat looks good with plenty of moisture to fill the kernels. Much of the safflower is small but should really grow with some warmer weather. There was a significant hailstorm in Perry and Willard during the week causing significant damage to fruit trees and vegetable crops. The cherry and apricot harvest should begin in the next 2 weeks. Corn, wheat and onion crops look good. **Utah County reports** much of first crop hay is still down and wet due to rains. A few producers in the area are starting to the cut first hay crop. Rains have blackened a lot of hay while cool wet temperatures have slowed the growth of the corn. Fruit growers were hit by a hailstorm last week. Some of the cherry and apple crops have been damaged. Range conditions look very good. Some growers cut alfalfa hay during two good days, but it has been rained on daily since then. Some growers were able to chop their hay for haylage, but, few if any, have been able to get any hay dry enough to bale. They are encouraged by this weeks forecast of warm weather. There will be many farmers cutting hay as quickly as possible this week, especially because of significant damage from alfalfa weevil. Growers will also be spraying for cereal leaf beetle in small grains. **Duchesne County** producers have organized and have planned to spray 51,000 acres damaged by grasshoppers. The weather has made it difficult to spray. There is a lot of hay down in the county that continues to get rained on. Some producers are holding off, but hoping that the hay doesn't get too old. The rain has helped to jump start the grain and corn crop progress. Summer ranges and irrigation supplies look very good. **Dagget County** reports grasshoppers continue to be a problem and the wet weather has slowed spraying. Much of the 1st crop alfalfa has not been cut and the hay that has, is still in the windrow because of the rain. **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 damaging wheat fields. **Carbon County** reports continued cool nighttime temperatures have slowed the growth of warm season vegetables and corn crops. Heavy spring moisture has helped with topsoil moisture conditions but the rains are not heavy enough to replenish subsoil moisture depleted over the past several years of drought. **Emery County** reports wet, stormy weather this past week-limited fieldwork. A lot of the first crop hay that has been cut has been rained on, and many producers are waiting for dryer weather to cut hay. Irrigated crops are doing very well. Mountain pastures are in great shape and rains received over the past weeks will make for a very good summer on the mountains. Irrigation water supplies look to be in good shape for the summer. **Summit County** reports wet weather continues to delay hay cutting and other farm work. Pastures and rangelands look great due to rain. Dry land farms look good. Some minor flooding has taken place this past week. **Uintah County** reports farmers are spraying for grasshoppers. Wet cool conditions may have already slowed grasshoppers. Most cut hay has been rained on within the county but some producers are waiting for drier weather to cut. Alfalfa weevil has done some damage. **Beaver County** reports rain has been great for pastures and range not so good for putting up 1st crop alfalfa. Heavy infestations of grasshoppers have now been found on the East and West sides of the county. **Garfield & Kane** counties have experienced very cold winds and spotty thundershowers this week. There have been grasshoppers and black grass bugs out breaks in different areas of the county. **Weber County** reports all crops are growing well due to the frequent rainfall. **Morgan County** reports 1st crop alfalfa harvest has been held off due to recent rains.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending June 21, 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	63	47	57	61
Oats Headed Stage	42	18	40	37
Spring Wheat Headed	43	18	36	45
Winter Wheat Head Stage	92	83	79	90
Corn Emerged	97	93	90	96
Alfalfa First Cutting	62	52	NA	83
Other Hay Cut	21	NA	NA	43
Sweet Cherries Harvested	9	NA	NA	NA

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending June 21, 2009**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	10	80	10
Subsoil	0	15	79	6
Irrigation water supplies	1	8	86	5
Stock water supplies	0	10	85	5

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County reports that cattle and calves are doing well with good range conditions. **Cache County reports** livestock are doing well because of abundant growth in pastures and on rangelands. **Duchesne and Dagget counties** report the livestock are doing excellent and have plenty of green grass to eat. Producers are optimistic about the crops and livestock, but uncertain how prices will look this fall for calves. The dairy producers are worried about the future, as there seems to be no change in the current situation.

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending June 21, 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	0	2	17	67	14
Winter Wheat	0	6	25	53	16
Barley	0	0	7	75	18
Corn	0	0	18	65	17
Sheep	0	0	6	87	7
Cattle/calves	0	1	11	76	12

**Livestock Percent
for Week Ending June 21, 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	90	84	85	87
Cattle Moved to Summer Range	90	84	89	89