



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Overall the state of Utah had warmer temperatures and fewer rain storms. The days suitable for work were 5.6 days. Livestock around the state continues to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports much warmer temperatures and fewer rain showers this week. Temperatures for the week of 6/22 to 6/28 were in the high 80's and low 90's, while Snowville still reported temperatures as low as 38 degrees. The wet period over the last few weeks has producers busy in the fields trying to catch up this week, by removing rain damaged hay, and cutting hay in other fields. The cost of rain to Box Elder County hay producers over the past few weeks has been heavy. Wheat and barley look good in most areas of the county. Some barley has lodged due to the good growth and wet conditions. The cherry harvest should begin in the coming weeks. **Utah County reports** rains again slowed harvest of first crop alfalfa hay. Most of the first hay crop is down and needs to be baled. Sweet cherries in some areas are a total loss due to rain and hail. Apples in some areas have also been damaged due to hail. **Emery County reports** some rains early in the week limited field work. First cutting of alfalfa and other hay has been rained on and some of the hay is going to be poorer quality. The rains received over the past few weeks have really improved the grazing outlook in the valley and on the mountain. Stock water supplies continue to be a problem in the area as ponds have not filled with much water. **Summit County reports** dry weather this week has allowed farmers to start cutting alfalfa and grass hay which was delayed by rains. Rangeland and dry farm crops are the best they have been in many years. Weed spraying is taking place which was delayed by wet weather as well. **Uintah County reports** much hay was cut during the brief dry spell, but all of it got rained on during Friday's storms. **Weber County reports** the first crop alfalfa harvest was mostly damaged by rain. The second crop of alfalfa is growing back rapidly. Corn and grain crops are growing well. **Juab County reports** the east side of the county is experiencing a major grasshopper infestation. Many producers have either sprayed for them or are making plans to do so. **Morgan County reports** first crop alfalfa harvest is wrapping up. All crops are growing well. **Sevier County reports** grasshoppers have been spotted in public lands. **Duchesne & Dagget counties** also report that wet weather has slowed up hay production. Grasshoppers are also being sprayed.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending June 28, 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 | 76 | 63 | 73 | 76 |
| Oats Headed Stage | 57 | 42 | 45 | 47 |
| Spring Wheat Headed | 51 | 43 | 44 | 65 |
| Alfalfa First Cutting | 84 | 62 | NA | 92 |
| Other Hay Cut | 39 | 21 | NA | 55 |
| Sweet Cherries Harvested | 33 | 9 | NA | NA |
| Tart Cherries Harvested | 10 | NA | NA | NA |
| Apricots Harvested | 46 | NA | NA | NA |

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending June 28, 2009**

| Item | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Topsoil | 0 | 13 | 85 | 2 |
| Subsoil | 1 | 14 | 84 | 1 |
| Irrigation water supplies | 4 | 13 | 77 | 6 |
| Stock water supplies | 1 | 12 | 82 | 5 |

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County reports that cattle and calves are doing well on the summer ranges with abundant forage and livestock water. **Utah County reports** livestock grazing conditions look real good. **Summit & Uintah counties** both report that livestock look good on summer ranges, and are doing well.

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending June 28, 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 | 15 | 67 | 16 |
| Winter Wheat | 0 | 8 | 19 | 60 | 13 |
| Barley | 0 | 0 | 6 | 81 | 13 |
| Corn | 0 | 1 | 21 | 61 | 17 |
| Sheep | 0 | 0 | 6 | 87 | 7 |
| Cattle/calves | 0 | 0 | 9 | 78 | 13 |
| Oats | 0 | 0 | 7 | 79 | 14 |

**Livestock Percent
for Week Ending June 28, 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 | 97 | 90 | 90 | 92 |
| Cattle Moved to Summer Range | 97 | 90 | 94 | 95 |