



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

The state of Utah had another week of warmer and dryer temperatures with even fewer showers. The days suitable for work were 6.2 days. Small grains look to be having a good year. Livestock around the state continues to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports a drier week with a few isolated thundershowers in some areas. Temperatures for the week were in the low to mid 90's. The major activity this week was getting the final acres of first crop hay baled and hauled. Much of first crop was lost or damaged, and will go for feeder hay. Some producers reported just chopping the black windrows, and blowing them back onto the fields to allow second crop to grow. Producers report heavy infestations of weevil in the hay as cutting was delayed in some fields due to wet weather. Crops continue to progress towards harvest. Some of the fall barley and fall wheat are beginning ripen. Farmers are busy irrigating corn and alfalfa. The corn has really started to grow with more sunshine and warmer weather. It has changed color from a yellow cast to a healthy dark green. Producers in some areas of the county are spraying or preparing to spray due to a large number of grasshoppers that are hatching. **Cache County farmers** have enjoyed a very busy week in the fields. Most alfalfa hay has been harvested, though it is too old for maximum quality. Grass hay is also being harvested with exceptional yields resulting from the cool wet spring. A few warm days have really helped the corn growth. Growers have been cultivating and spraying herbicides so corn can be irrigated this week. Small grains continue to look good. Some will be harvested in a few weeks without any irrigation this year. Safflower is starting to branch and looks very good. There is evidence of some grasshoppers this week. Cereal leaf beetle and alfalfa weevil problems appear to have run their course. **Morgan County reports** the 2nd crop hay harvest will be later than normal because the rain prolonged the 1st crop hay harvest. The majority of 1st crop hay was damaged by rain. **Tooele County reports** that the spraying for grasshoppers did not have a significant effect, possibly due to all the rainfall around the time they sprayed. **Weber County reports** crops are growing well, and there are high hopes of a 2nd crop hay harvest without rain. **Carbon County reports** many hay growers have been waiting for dry weather to put up hay; so much of 1st crop hay got cut this week. The Growth rate of crops has started to pick up with warmer nighttime temperatures. **Emery County reports** some rain showers this past week continued to cause problems with completing 1st cutting of alfalfa. All irrigated crops are doing very well. Many reservoirs in the area are nearing capacity, or water is flowing over spillways. Mountain pastures are in excellent condition with all of the rain over the past month. **Sevier County reports** on-going major problems with grasshoppers, on range and cropland.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending July 5, 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	85	76	79	85
Oats Headed Stage	73	57	53	61
Spring Wheat Headed	51	51	72	82
Alfalfa First Cutting	93	84	NA	95
Other Hay Cut	64	39	NA	68
Sweet Cherries Harvested	60	33	NA	45
Tart Cherries Harvested	25	10	NA	13
Apricots Harvested	48	46	NA	NA

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending July 5, 2009**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	1	21	78	0
Subsoil	0	16	83	1
Irrigation water supplies	6	12	81	1
Stock water supplies	1	12	86	1

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County reports that both cattle and sheep are doing well on summer ranges. **Cache County reports** livestock are somewhat troubled by flies and mosquitoes, but are all doing well on pastures and rangelands. **Carbon County reports** summer range looks really good this season.

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending July 5, 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	13	67	18
Winter Wheat	0	9	17	58	16
Barley	0	0	9	71	20
Corn	0	1	14	65	20
Sheep	0	0	9	77	14
Cattle/calves	0	0	11	77	12