



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Crops continue to progress around the state. Days suitable for work were 6.8 days. Livestock continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports High temperatures for the week of 7/6 to 7/12 were mostly in the upper 80's and low 90's. The corn crop really jumped this week as it seems to have grown a foot or more. Farmers are working hard to keep the crops irrigated. Safflower on both irrigated and dry land looks exceptional. The safflower should begin to flower in the next two or three weeks. Some areas are cutting their second crop of alfalfa, which is expected to be lighter due to the moisture delay in first crop harvest. Winter wheat and barley are ripening very quickly. Combines are expected to begin cutting grain in the next two weeks. Grain yields look to be good or above average in most areas. **Cache County reports** warm days have been ideal for the growth of field corn and the harvest of alfalfa hay. Small grains have received their last irrigation for the season, and first irrigation in many cases. Several growers in the county are very concerned about their supply of irrigation water following an unfortunate brake in a canal. Crops may suffer because of our inability to deliver water. **Emery County reports** first cutting of alfalfa is pretty well completed. Crop growth is progressing very well. Some scattered showers were received this past week, with much of it over the mountains. Mountain pastures continue to have very good grass growth. **Juab County reports** continued efforts in spraying to control for grasshoppers. Several thousands of acres have been treated. There is serious crop damage in areas where grasshoppers have not been sprayed for. **Weber County reports** second crop alfalfa appears to be having a lower than normal yield. Growers are cutting early in an effort to get high quality hay that has not been rained on. Corn is growing very well due to the warm weather. **Beaver County reports** growers are almost ready to start the 2nd cutting of alfalfa. Farmers are cutting grass hay and putting up grain silage and haylage. Grasshoppers are still a problem in many parts of the county. **Duchesne County reports** irrigation supplies are very good. Crops are looking good although they are a little behind due to the cold temperatures in June. **Iron County reports** an unusual occurrence of some weevil damage starting in second crop hay. **Morgan County reports** 1st crop hay harvest is finishing. Rangeland forage, grain and corn crops all continue to look good. **Sevier County reports** on-going grasshopper problems.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending July 12, 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	92	85	91	93
Oats Headed Stage	81	73	74	76
Oats Harvested Silage/Hay	48	42	56	NA
Spring Wheat Headed	74	51	91	93
Winter Wheat Harvested	11	5	NA	NA
Alfalfa Second Cutting	19	7	14	36
Other Hay Cut	66	64	72	75
Apricots Harvested	66	48	53	46
Sweet Cherries Harvested	87	60	30	68
Tart Cherries Harvested	50	25	9	25

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending July 12, 2009**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	28	72	0
Subsoil	0	22	78	0
Irrigation water supplies	7	16	76	1
Stock water supplies	1	17	82	0

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County reports lower and mid elevation ranges are beginning to dry out. Wildfires will be a serious threat as summer continues. **Cache, Box Elder, Duchesne and Emery counties report** livestock continue to do well with plenty of feed on summer ranges.

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending July 12, 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	3	16	69	12
Winter Wheat	0	6	21	54	19
Barley	0	0	8	69	23
Corn	0	1	17	71	11
Sheep	0	0	5	82	13
Cattle/calves	0	0	10	78	12