



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Weather conditions were hot and dry with a few thundershowers in some parts of the state. Days suitable for work were 6.8 days. Grasshopper problems are found throughout many parts of the state. Livestock and ranges continue to look good.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports high temperatures for the week of 7/19 to 7/25 were in the low to mid 90's. Farmers are busy harvesting wheat and barley. Yields and quality are reported to be good. 2nd crop hay is also being cut and baled. With little or no rain reported, the quality of the 2nd crop looks very good. Grasshoppers are a serious problem for many producers. The insects are causing moderate to severe damage to hay and other crops in many parts of the county. **Cache County reports** growers are busy this week with the harvest of second crop alfalfa. Much of the winter wheat and fall barley will be harvested within the next two weeks. The hot days have really sped up the growth of silage corn, in locations where there is sufficient irrigation water. Irrigation companies are still cooperating as best they can to divert irrigation water to the Logan Northern canal system that washed out two weeks ago. **Duchesne County** temperatures in the 90's everyday this week has continued to help the corn crop to grow well. The corn has not tasseled yet, but it is expected to be a very good crop this year. The grain is still a little behind, but looks good. Second crop hay is in full swing and looks to be a lot better than first crop. **Beaver County reports** 2nd crop alfalfa looks good. There are still some grasshopper problems on the West side of the county. **Uintah County reports** Second cutting of alfalfa is just starting. Grasshoppers continue to plague parts of the county, and control options are very limited at this point. **Weber County** reports crops are growing well. Second crop alfalfa is being harvested in good condition. **Carbon County** reports crops are progressing nicely with continued warmer weather. **Sevier County** reports on-going grasshopper infestations have been found on rangeland and some cropland. **Morgan County** reports crops are growing well, but ranges are starting to dry out. **Millard County** reports very serious grasshopper problems throughout eastern end of the county. 2nd crop alfalfa has pretty much been completed. **Garfield and Kane counties** report sporadic thundershowers and cloudy days have improved crops and ranges in some areas.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending July 26, 2009**

| Item | Current Week | Previous Week | Previous Year | 5 Year Average |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Oats Headed Stage | 95 | 91 | 87 | 90 |
| Oats Harvested Silage/Hay | 79 | 70 | 70 | 75 |
| Spring Wheat Headed | 91 | 84 | 99 | 99 |
| Winter Wheat Harvested | 16 | 14 | 22 | 27 |
| Corn Silk Stage | 33 | 12 | 21 | 32 |
| Alfalfa Second Cutting | 56 | 42 | 45 | 68 |
| Other Hay Cut | 76 | 68 | 81 | 81 |
| Apricots Harvested | 87 | 67 | 69 | 83 |
| Sweet Cherries Harvested | 99 | 90 | 69 | 92 |

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending July 26, 2009**

| Item | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Topsoil | 9 | 29 | 62 | 0 |
| Subsoil | 5 | 27 | 68 | 0 |
| Irrigation water supplies | 5 | 17 | 78 | 0 |
| Stock water supplies | 0 | 14 | 86 | 0 |

Livestock Summary

Cache County reports rangeland is drying quickly with the hot days. Pastures are still quite productive where irrigation water is available. Cattle and sheep continue to do well, with the exception of some fly and mosquito problems. **Duchesne County reports** livestock continue to do well with plenty of grass. **Beaver County reports** range and pastures are drying out from lack of rain. **Carbon County reports** summer range is in excellent condition. **Millard County reports** livestock are having a good year, but range is starting to dry out.

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending July 26, 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 | 5 | 16 | 66 | 13 |
| Winter Wheat | 0 | 5 | 24 | 49 | 22 |
| Barley | 0 | 0 | 7 | 68 | 25 |
| Corn | 0 | 0 | 17 | 71 | 12 |
| Sheep | 0 | 1 | 5 | 84 | 10 |
| Cattle/calves | 0 | 0 | 8 | 79 | 13 |