



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Temperatures in the state of Utah were in the high 80's lower 90's. There was little to no precipitation this week. The days suitable for work were 7.0 days. Livestock around the state continues to do well.

## Field Crops Summary

**Box Elder County reports** that the harvest is underway for winter wheat and barley. Yields on both irrigated and non-irrigated acreage look to be above average. The dry weather within the county is starting to take a toll on the safflower planted on dry land because the soil moisture is being depleted and the plants are starting to suffer. Producers are continuing to irrigate and cut alfalfa fields. Second cutting is almost complete and third cutting will begin for some farmers in the next 2 weeks. **Cache County** experienced another week of hot weather. Silage corn is growing rapidly with the heat and irrigation water. Second crop alfalfa is also yielding well with good quality. Combines are just getting a good start on harvesting winter wheat and fall barley. It appears yields will be good. Respondents indicate Safflower crop appears to be one of the best we have ever raised in this county. Irrigation water supplies are still limited in some areas because of the canal break last month. There is much concern by growers regarding water supplies when third crop alfalfa needs irrigation in addition to silage corn, pastures, and other crops. **Utah County reports** second crop hay is being harvested. The wheat and barley harvest is in full swing, and looks to be a good production year. The tart cherry harvest should be winding up, producers report lots of cherries however, and the quality suffered because of the large quantity produced. **Iron County** is experiencing some of the best range conditions in years due to monsoon rains, but the daily thundershowers have damaged a large part of second crop hay. **Sevier County** reports an ongoing grasshopper problem throughout most of the county. **Summit County** reports it has been a very good year for crops. The recent weather is beginning to dry out the soil. **Weber County** reports that the grain harvest is taking place now and yields are about normal. **Morgan County** reports crops are growing well while second cutting of alfalfa will start soon.

**Crop Progress  
for Week Ending August 2, 2009**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Harvested (Grain)	27	7	27	31
Oats Harvested (Grain)	12	2	15	29
Oats Harvested Silage/Hay	87	79	82	82
Winter Wheat Harvested	40	16	32	45
Corn Silk Stage	66	33	50	55
Alfalfa Second Cutting	73	56	67	80
Other Hay Cut	86	76	84	86
Apricots Harvested	91	87	81	92
Peach Harvested	5	NA	14	10
Tart Cherries Harvested	70	39	50	85
Spring Wheat Harvested	17	4	13	21

**Soil Moisture  
for Week Ending August 2, 2009**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	7	34	59	0
Subsoil	4	30	66	0
Irrigation water supplies	11	21	68	0
Stock water supplies	5	17	78	0

## Livestock Summary

**Box Elder County** reports that pastures are drying out rapidly in most of the county. Range fires are a good possibility if dry lightning comes. Livestock are doing well and feed conditions are still adequate. Ranges are dying out but stock water seems to be holding up. **Cache County** reports rangeland is drying up quickly since they had no measurable precipitation during the entire month of July. However, there still appears to be adequate feed for grazing cattle and sheep. **Wayne County** reports half of the summer ranges could use some rain, grass is dry and livestock and wildlife are moving looking for better forage. Forage crops in the 3 county area are better than average. **Emery County** reports cattle and sheep are doing very well on the mountain ranges. Ranges are beginning to dry some since there has not been a late summer rainstorm yet. **Utah County** reports range conditions are excellent.

**Crop & Livestock Condition  
for Week Ending August 2, 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	6	23	59	12
Winter Wheat	0	4	19	59	18
Barley	0	0	10	70	20
Corn	0	0	21	68	11
Sheep	0	0	5	84	11
Cattle/calves	0	0	9	80	11