



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Temperatures in the state of Utah were slightly below average for this time of year. Nighttime temperatures dipped into the 50's. The days suitable for work were 6.8 days. Livestock around the state continues to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports the first part of the week brought hot and windy conditions. Dry lightning storms were reported Wednesday and Thursday, while the week finished off with cooler temperatures and some scattered rain showers. The wind seemed to cause some troubles in the Tremonton area, from scattering some windrows of cut alfalfa to blowing over a hay barn. The lightning sparked several fires in the county including one on Promontory Point and one in South Hansel Valley - Salt Wells area. No estimates are available yet on acreage consumed. Farmers continued working on grain harvest this week. Irrigated grain yields are reported to be good to very good. Some of the better dry land wheat has yet to be cut and is continuing to ripen. Alfalfa producers are beginning to cut third crop. Most of the corn in the county is now tasseled. **Cache County** reports growers have had another busy week harvesting second crop alfalfa and beginning the harvest of winter wheat and fall barley. Most of the grain is taller than usual, leading to increased lodging on irrigated acres. Yields however, look to be one of our best years ever. Shareholders on the Logan Northern irrigation system are running short of needed irrigation water for third crop alfalfa, silage corn and grass hay. Cooperation continues between water users, municipalities, and irrigation companies. **Utah County** reports second crop hay is being put up in pretty good shape. Grain harvest is going well. Production looks to be better than average. Fruit growers are between crops at this time. **Beaver County** reports 2nd crop alfalfa is finishing. Hay looks good. Irrigation supplies are getting low, and there are still some grasshopper problems. **Weber County** reports third cutting of hay is underway. Grain yields are about average. Some loss of crops, due to high winds, include blown over peppers, rolled hay windrows, and lodged corn. **Morgan County** reports farmers are starting to cut second crop alfalfa. Corn is growing well. Grain harvest is expected to be good. **San Juan County** reports wheat yields are higher than average. Lighting caused a fire, and burned up 300 acres of wheat and a combine that was parked in the field. **Wasatch County** reports cooler temperatures at night. Thursday had a big storm that dropped a lot of rain in a short amount of time. Farmers started cutting second crop hay at the end of the week. **Carbon County** reports rain from thunderstorms while 2nd crop hay is being cut. **Garfield & Kane counties** report a hot and dry week.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending August 16, 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)	63	42	63	67
Oats Harvested (Grain)	50	21	26	47
Oats Harvested Silage/Hay	94	93	89	92
Winter Wheat Harvested	80	58	79	79
Corn Silk Stage	89	88	82	90
Corn Dough Stage	25	8	11	24
Alfalfa Second Cutting	91	81	88	94
Alfalfa Third Cutting	24	6	14	32
Peach Harvested	21	16	28	25

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending August 16, 2009**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	6	33	61	0
Subsoil	0	33	67	0
Irrigation water supplies	8	20	72	0
Stock water supplies	8	16	76	0

Livestock Summary

Emery County reports livestock on the mountain range continue to do well. Livestock water supplies are diminishing, as there has not been many good rainstorms this summer to fill ponds. Valley water is going to be very short this fall and winter unless heavy fall storms fill valley ponds. **Duschene County** reports livestock are in good condition and doing well. The cattle on the mountains are not even touching all of the feed available and this will be a benefit in the future. The dairymen continue to struggle, but are all still milking. Many beef producers are concerned about the price they will receive for their calves and hope it gets better in the fall. **Cache County** reports pastures and rangelands are becoming dry with lack of rain.

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending August 16, 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	29	58	7
Barley	0	0	9	70	21
Corn	0	0	16	70	14
Sheep	0	1	6	81	12
Cattle/calves	0	0	10	78	12