



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

The harvest is wrapping up for most crops. The week's temperatures were below normal with the highs in the 50s and 60s and the lows in the 30s and 40s but the lows were above freezing in most farming areas. There were 6.7 days suitable for field work.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reported that producers continued field work, including; cutting grain corn, harvesting safflower, planting fall wheat, and baling the remainder of the hay crop. **Cache County** reported that safflower harvest is fully underway and corn silage harvest will be finished within the next few days. Winter wheat is being planted. Manure is being spread on stubble fields. The days are getting shorter and most field work will wind to a halt within just a few weeks. **Morgan County** reported that corn matured late and much of the silage was harvested at a lower level of maturity than desired. **Weber County** reported that corn silage and alfalfa production were average. More alfalfa was rained on than normal. Onion harvest is underway. **Sevier County** reported that range and crop conditions are very very dry and they are hoping for rain. **Carbon County** reported that dry weather has helped the fall harvest move along nicely. **Duchesne County** reported that it was windy most of the past week with temperatures at night close to the freezing mark. Producers throughout the county worked to harvest 3rd crop hay and some 4th crop. Many producers were debating between grazing or cutting the 4th crop. They are worried that if they cut it may not get it dry. Most of the corn silage has been harvested and they are starting to harvest earlage and high moisture corn. **Dagget County** reported that harvest of corn silage and 3rd crop hay are nearing completion. **Beaver County** reports that there is a lot of concern from farmers over what to do with their alfalfa hay because prices are low and there is a lot of hay in the county.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending October 11, 2009**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Onions Harvested	89	77	84	87
Winter Wheat Planted	85	72	70	76
Corn Mature	90	77	65	78
Corn Grain Harvested	22	10	0	21
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	66	44	35	68
Apple Harvested	74	61	58	71
Peach Harvested	94	91	100	100
Pears Harvested	83	80	99	98

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending October 11, 2009**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	5	32	63	0
Subsoil	9	36	55	0
Irrigation water supplies	20	20	60	0
Stock water supplies	13	22	65	0

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County reported that dairy operators continue to struggle with the low milk prices but the price has increased slightly in the past month. Cattle and sheep are being moved from summer ranges with the majority now at home or on fall pastures. **Cache County** reported that there is still ample feed in pastures and cultivated fields for beef cattle grazing. Beef calves are being weaned and sold. Dairy producers are grateful for a slight increase in milk prices. **Carbon County** reported that Cattle and sheep are starting to come off the mountain in large numbers. Feed supplies seem to be adequate but there is still concern about stock water on the fall and winter range. **Duchesne County** reported that livestock have started to come home from the mountains and this will continue through the end of the month. **Dagget County** reported that Livestock are coming off summer ranges in good shape and producers are getting calves ready for shipping. **Summit County** reported that Cattle and sheep producers continue to move livestock off summer ranges, and are shipping calves and lambs to market. **Beaver County** reported that farmers are bringing in their calves and getting them weaned. Most look pretty good but a lot of the ranges especially on the west side of the county are in poor condition because of the lack of rain. **Wayne County** reported that serious drought conditions are setting in. Stream flow in the Fremont River (Bicknell Bottoms gauging station) is setting new record lows; stream flow is the lowest in the last 32 yrs. Some winter ranges are in very poor condition. Cattle are starting to come home from the summer range 10-20 days early because they are out of feed.

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending October 11, 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	6	16	31	43	4
Corn	0	1	27	61	11
Sheep	0	1	9	85	5
Cattle/calves	0	1	15	76	8

**Livestock Percent
for Week Ending October 11, 2009**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle Moved from Summer Range	62	40	48	64
Sheep/Lambs Moved from Summer Range	70	53	49	65