



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Some counties are experiencing moderate frost while field work is slowing down most counties. Days suitable for work were 5.0 days. Crop and livestock conditions are doing well for this time of year.

## Field Crops Summary

**Box Elder County reports** light precipitation fell in the county this week. Some field work continues with producers still harvesting grain corn as the moisture drops low enough. Producers are also working fields with corn residue as the grain corn is harvested. **Cache County** reports very little field work was accomplished this week. Storms and cool weather early in the week virtually stopped any harvest of crops. Some growers continue to harvest safflower and grain corn along with some late alfalfa hay. Fall plowing and the planting of winter wheat is the major activity on local farms today. **Duchesne County** reports not receiving much moisture this last week, but the temperature has dropped. Fall field work is pretty much wrapped up and the last of fourth crop hay is getting finished. The grain corn harvest is just beginning and it looks to be a good crop. **Emery County reports** most crop production and field work is completed for the season. Weather is getting colder and moisture is greatly needed in this part of the state.

**Crop Progress  
for Week Ending November 1, 2009**

| Item                   | Current Week   | Previous Week  | Previous Year  | 5 Year Average |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                        | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Winter Wheat Planted   | 72             | 51             | 56             | 79             |
| Corn Grain Harvested   | 62             | 51             | 34             | 58             |
| Alfalfa Fourth Cutting | 95             | 82             | 93             | 97             |
| Pears                  | 95             | 93             | 100            | 100            |

**Soil Moisture  
for Week Ending November 1, 2009**

| Item                 | Very Short     | Short          | Adequate       | Surplus        |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                      | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Topsoil              | 5              | 35             | 60             | 0              |
| Subsoil              | 6              | 33             | 61             | 0              |
| Stock water supplies | 7              | 23             | 70             | 0              |

## Livestock Summary

**Box Elder** reports sheep producers are showing some concern with their winter ranges on the desert. One producer reported that halogeton is so prevalent and robust on his winter range this year that he is concerned about losing sheep to poisoning. The rains in late May through June came too late to help the annual grasses grow but were perfect for a later growing plant like halogeton. **Cache County** reports livestock continue to do well with adequate fall grazing and relatively pleasant weather. Dairy farmers are also feeling minor relief from low milk prices. **Emery County** reports most livestock are home from the summer range and producers will be going to their winter ranges soon. Most will be cut by the BLM on winter allotments as grass production was limited due to lack of summer and fall precipitation. There is also a problem with the lack of available livestock water on winter range. Most producers will be required to haul water in order to graze their winter ranges. Cattle and sheep came off of summer grazing in good shape. **Morgan County** reports farming has about shut down for the winter. Livestock are being worked and animals selected for sale and replacements. **Beaver County** reports snow storms in the area while ranchers are still trying to gather up all their cows. The snow should help bring them down. **Duschene County** reports most of the calves in the county were delivered to buyers this past week. A few producers still have some to sell and others are retaining calves to feed hay that cannot be sold. There is a large supply of hay in the county and most producers cannot sell any at this time.

**Crop & Livestock Condition  
for Week Ending November 1, 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 | 4              | 14             | 33             | 46             | 3              |
| Sheep           | 0              | 1              | 7              | 82             | 10             |
| Cattle/calves   | 0              | 0              | 11             | 76             | 13             |

**Livestock Percent  
for Week Ending November 1, 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      | 96             | 83             | 91             | 92             |
| Sheep/Lambs Moved from Summer Range | 96             | 88             | 95             | 96             |