



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for field work averaged 6.8. Above average temperatures and afternoon thunderstorms were experienced last week in Utah. Soil moisture content decreased from the previous week. Topsoil moisture content was rated 3 percent very short, 27 percent short and 70 percent adequate.

## Field Crops Summary

Farmers in **Box Elder County** continued cutting alfalfa hay and harvesting grain. Spring wheat harvest is progressing well. Producers are reporting good spring wheat yields thus far. Crop irrigation continues to be a major activity this time of year. Corn irrigation for some farmers in the county may cease towards the end of this week. Corn maturation prior to a frost continues to be a concern for all corn growers across the state. Some fields are being worked right now in preparation for winter wheat planting. Growers in **Cache County** continue to harvest wheat and barley. Crop yields seem to be mixed based on the amount of stress the plants endured. Safflower yields are expected to be above average this season. Evening rain showers in **Utah County** have slowed some harvest activities. Tart cherry harvest is nearing completion just as the peach harvest begins. **Wayne and Garfield Counties** have had daily rain storms; farmers are waiting for drier conditions to continue cutting hay. The threat of wildfires in **Duchesne County** has increased along with summer temperatures. The warm temperatures have helped the corn crop make much needed progress. Many producers are reporting one of the best crops of grass hay in years due to the moisture received last spring.

## Livestock Summary

Ranges across the state of **Utah** continue to contain ample feed for livestock. The majority of livestock remain in good condition. Dairy producers in **Beaver County** are encouraged because milk prices have finally increased. High grain and hay prices continue to hamper milk profits. Sheep producers in **Box Elder County** will begin the process of separating lambs for market or further feeding by mid September.

**Crop Progress  
for Week Ending August 28, 2011**

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)	83	65	NA	85
Oats Harvested (Grain)	53	37	60	67
Oats Harvested Silage/Hay	97	93	100	97
Spring Wheat Harvested	65	47	NA	80
Winter Wheat Harvested	86	73	NA	92
Corn Silk Stage	91	75	99	99
Corn Dough Stage	19	12	52	58
Alfalfa Second Cutting	93	91	99	98
Alfalfa Third Cutting	29	15	36	53
Peach Harvested	19	15	NA	41
Tart Cherries Harvested	93	81	100	100

**Crop & Livestock Condition  
for Week Ending August 28, 2011**

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	1	14	66	19
Spring Wheat	0	3	30	53	14
Oats	0	1	10	79	10
Corn	1	3	30	59	7
Sheep	0	0	5	70	25
Cattle/calves	0	0	6	79	15

**Soil Moisture  
for Week Ending August 28, 2011**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	3	27	70	0
Subsoil	3	22	75	0
Irrigation water supplies	3	11	75	11
Stock water supplies	0	10	83	7