



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for field work averaged 6.6. Temperatures are beginning to decline with some lows across the state close to freezing. Scattered afternoon thunderstorms continued. Soil moisture content remained mostly unchanged from the previous week. This week's topsoil moisture content was at 1 percent very short, 32 percent short and 67 percent adequate.

Field Crops Summary

Corn across the state is progressing well; however, concerns remain about the crop reaching maturity prior to a frost. It is expected that many acres of corn will have to be harvested for silage. Some farmers in **Box Elder County** planted sorghum as an alternative to corn which should reach maturity quicker than corn. Overall, safflower crops are in good condition with a few fields that are the exception. Onion producers are beginning the harvesting process. Most producers who direct seeded their onions will begin harvesting in the next week or two. The majority of onion fields in the county look good. There is some concern about small onion size in fields which were planted late. Dryland alfalfa in the Pocatello Valley area yielded very well this year. Soil moisture content in several dryland areas is short to very short. Some dryland farmers intend to wait for fall rains before planting winter wheat. Small grain harvest in **Weber County** was generally good. Winter Wheat harvest continues in **Utah County**; most other small grain crops have been harvested. Corn silage harvest is starting to get underway. Fruit crop harvest is ongoing with peaches in the forefront. Apple harvest is just beginning; with the bulk of the harvest starting in a week or so. There will be very little third crop alfalfa in **Carbon County** this year. Temperatures throughout **Duchesne County** have cooled off considerably. The cool temperatures are slowing corn development and hay production. Producers are spraying weeds on cropland in **Summit County**. Due to a broken dam gate at Panguitch Lake in **Garfield County** Panguitch Valley may have serious irrigation water issues next crop season.

Livestock Summary

Lambs in **Morgan County** are growing well, and are expected to bring higher than average prices when they are marketed. Range conditions in **Utah County** are still good. Producers are preparing to move livestock off of summer ranges in **Duchesne County**. Feed on summer and fall pastures look good. Producers are going to delay feeding livestock as long as possible due to the high cost and low availability of hay in the area.

Crop Progress for Week Ending September 11, 2011

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Onions Harvested	13	7	11	34
Barley Harvested (Grain)	97	86	NA	95
Oats Harvested (Grain)	84	68	85	85
Spring Wheat Harvested	97	82	NA	96
Winter Wheat Harvested	97	91	NA	99
Corn Dough Stage	67	34	84	88
Corn Dent Stage	13	3	26	45
Alfalfa Third Cutting	59	45	64	75
Peach Harvested	36	32	NA	67

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 11, 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	2	9	70	19
Corn	1	5	37	53	4
Sheep	0	0	6	69	25
Cattle/calves	0	0	8	75	17

Livestock Percent for Week Ending September 11, 2011

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	5	1	7	27

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 11, 2011

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	1	32	67	0
Subsoil	1	24	75	0
Irrigation water supplies	0	4	91	5
Stock water supplies	0	6	86	8