



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for field work averaged 7. Temperatures were above average throughout the week. Weather was favorable for field work and crop maturity. Soil moisture content remained mostly unchanged from the previous week. This week's topsoil moisture content was at 3 percent very short, 25 percent short and 72 percent adequate.

Field Crops Summary

Across the state of Utah weather conditions were nearly perfect for field work and crop maturity. Producers were busy in **Box Elder County** harvesting onions, peaches, pears, apples, and other fruits. The safflower harvest is underway. Warmer conditions will help corn and other late crops progress toward maturity. Producers are still hoping for two or three more weeks of good weather before frost hits the valley. Considering the late planting of the corn crop, producers are cautiously optimistic. It appears a good percentage of corn in **Cache County** will indeed reach maturity prior to winter. Winter wheat planting continues. Safflower is almost ready to be harvested and generally, is in good condition. Corn silage harvest is getting underway in **Weber County**. The fourth cutting of alfalfa hay continues, but is nearing completion in **Utah County**. Producers are harvesting corn for silage, and planting winter wheat. Fruit harvest is in full swing. Light frosts were experienced in **Summit County** last week; crop growth has slowed due to the frosts. Farmers continue cutting and harvesting the third crop of alfalfa hay. Producers in **Beaver and Garfield Counties** are busy harvesting corn for silage and cutting alfalfa hay.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County ranchers are busy weaning calves and moving cattle from summer ranges. Calf weights of average, to a little better than average, have been reported. Some ranchers with sheep and lambs on higher ranges have begun moving them to lower pastures and weaning lambs. Most ranchers will move the majority of sheep from summer ranges in about a week or two. Prices are very good for fat lambs this fall. Livestock conditions in Utah County are still very good. Sheep producers in **Summit County** are moving sheep off of summer ranges and sending lambs to market. Beef producers will start moving cattle to lower pastures within the next few weeks. Livestock in **Beaver County** are also reported in good condition.

Crop Progress
for Week Ending September 25, 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	29	20	25	57
Oats Harvested (Grain)	92	87	94	95
Winter Wheat Planted	63	31	59	51
Corn Dough Stage	91	80	93	97
Corn Dent Stage	53	33	60	82
Corn Mature	5	3	18	49
Corn Silage Harvested	14	2	23	36
Alfalfa Third Cutting	79	64	79	89
Apple Harvested	12	5	37	42
Peach Harvested	78	59	85	87

Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending September 25, 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	69	16
Corn	1	4	30	60	5
Sheep	0	0	6	63	31
Cattle/calves	0	0	7	75	18

Livestock Percent
for Week Ending September 25, 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	16	12	23	36
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	13	9	25	35

Soil Moisture
for Week Ending September 25, 2011

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	3	25	72	0
Subsoil	3	23	74	0
Irrigation water supplies	3	14	80	3
Stock water supplies	0	10	89	1