



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for field work last week averaged 6.9. Weather conditions in Utah, last week, were again favorable for field work and crop maturation. Soil moisture content decreased slightly from the previous week. Last week's topsoil moisture content was at 18 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

## Field Crops Summary

Warm and dry conditions dominated the week across most of the state allowing many producers to complete corn silage and hay harvests. Many producers in **Box Elder County** were concerned that safflower had not dried down enough to harvest at the beginning of the week; however, by the week's end most producers were able to start harvesting. Average to above average yields have been reported. Onion producers are nearing the end of the onion harvest; yields have been average or better. Producers are beginning to harvest high moisture corn for grain; moisture content remains high. Early corn yields are reported to be about average. The favorable weather will give the late planted corn a chance to mature. A lot of winter wheat has emerged and is in good condition. Producers in **Cache County** have been busy planting final acreage of winter wheat, chopping silage corn, and fourth crop hay. Safflower harvest has begun, now that moisture percentages have dropped. Yields appear to be good. The corn crop in **Wayne County** is about two and a half weeks behind average. The corn silage yield per acre is just a little less than normal. Fruit growers in **Utah County** have nearly finished harvesting fruit for the year; with the exception of apple producers who are still harvesting.

## Livestock Summary

Utah livestock producers have been moving cattle and sheep off of summer ranges for the last few weeks. Animals are in better condition than usual due to an abundance of moisture on the ranges. Cattle producers have been weaning, vaccinating and shipping calves. Some beef calves have been weaned at higher than average weaning weights. Prices for lambs and calves have been very good this year. Nearly all of the livestock on summer ranges in **Utah County** have been moved to lower elevations.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending October 23, 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	84	82	96	97
Winter Wheat Planted	90	85	90	92
Winter Wheat Emerged	35	2	66	63
Corn Dent Stage	94	89	89	98
Corn Mature	78	59	76	90
Corn Grain Harvested	11	5	20	48
Corn Silage Harvested	90	74	92	86
Apple Harvested	68	60	94	91

### Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending October 23, 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	15	66	17
Corn	1	2	23	66	8
Sheep	0	0	7	62	31
Cattle/calves	0	0	8	68	24

### Livestock Percent for Week Ending October 23, 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	82	62	86	84
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	84	66	80	84

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 23, 2011

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	18	81	1
Subsoil	0	18	81	1
Irrigation water supplies	1	6	89	4
Stock water supplies	0	6	93	1