



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for field work last week averaged 6.4. Temperatures began to decrease last week; however, weather conditions remained mostly conducive for field work. Soil moisture content decreased slightly from the previous week. Last week's topsoil moisture content was at 21 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Field Crops Summary

The Bear River Valley in **Box Elder County** experienced a killing frost last week. Grain corn harvest is underway on some fields; moisture levels remain high. Corn yield has been moderate, early planted fields have been producing well; however, late planted fields have yielded poorly. A few farmers are still cutting alfalfa, mostly as silage this late in the season. When all cuttings are considered, hay yields were better than average this season. Safflower harvest continues; yields are reported to be average to a little above average. Onion harvest has been completed in the county. Onion yields varied due to late planting; generally, yields were better than expected. Emerged winter wheat is in good condition. Some winter wheat is still being planted in freshly harvested corn fields. Safflower harvest continues in **Cache County** with very good yields. Winter wheat has nearly all been planted. Corn silage harvest is complete in the county. Moisture content in corn is high, but some corn has been harvested. Temperatures dropped well below freezing last week in **Duchesne County**. A few producers are still trying to get some corn silage harvested. Grain corn moisture content decreased considerably due to cool and dry weather. Cold temperatures have slowed the growth of grass, but there is plenty of fall feed around due to the moisture received over the summer. Farmers are finishing up the fall field work. Farm work in **Beaver County** is winding down in anticipation of the approaching winter.

Livestock Summary

Livestock producers in **Box Elder County** have moved their cattle and sheep off of summer ranges to fall pastures or crop residue fields. Calves are being weaned and shipped to buyers and fat lambs have also been sold with the remainder put on feed

for finishing. Beef calves in **Cache County** did exceptionally well this past summer. Most calves are heavier than they are in typical years. Livestock prices are good. Livestock producers in **Duchesne County** are shipping calves previously contracted and still trying to move the last herds off of summer ranges. Livestock in **Beaver County** are in good condition.

Crop Progress for Week Ending October 30, 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	98	84	100	100
Winter Wheat Planted	95	90	92	97
Winter Wheat Emerged	68	35	72	72
Corn Mature	87	78	82	94
Corn Grain Harvested	21	11	25	55
Corn Silage Harvested	96	90	97	95
Apple Harvested	76	68	99	97

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending October 30, 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	70	13
Corn	1	2	29	62	6
Sheep	0	0	6	62	32
Cattle/calves	0	0	10	72	18

Livestock Percent for Week Ending October 30, 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	89	82	93	91
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	87	84	96	95

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 30, 2011

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	21	78	1
Subsoil	0	21	78	1
Stock water supplies	0	7	92	1