



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

There was a reported 6.9 days for suitable for field work this week. Hot temperatures and dry winds throughout the state have continued to stress crops and increase demand for irrigation water with some area needing to shut water off by the end of this month. Although livestock has been reported to be in good condition, dry pastures and expected high hay prices are major concern to ranchers as a few are starting to reduce herd size.

Field Crop Summary

Box Elder County producers expect to start harvesting wheat a week or two earlier due to warm weather and high winds, but are concerned about possible lighter test weights. Some producers have cut and baled second crop alfalfa and have good re-growth on 3rd crop while others are just starting their second cutting. Corn in the in county also has significant variation as some is five feet tall or higher while others report crops with significant heat stress. Most corn is on its second watering. Onion producers are busy irrigating and spraying for onion thrip. Crop conditions as good to excellent. In **Cache County**, irrigation companies are cutting back on quantities of water and time available to use it. Dry wind in the county has prevented producers from baling their hay. Small grains are stressed for moisture. Corn has been reported in excellent condition where irrigation water is available. **Utah County** producers are on their second hay cutting and are harvesting cherries but yields have suffered due to early frosts. In **Duchesne County** some areas will be out of irrigation water on the 9th of July and others by the end of the month. In areas with water, crops continue to progress and do very well. Dryland crops in **Beaver County** are under serious heat stress and grasshoppers continue to trouble the county.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County, a small number of ranchers report having to treat cattle for dust pneumonia. In **Cache County** livestock are reported to be in good condition but range land becoming dry. **Duchesne County** ranchers are beginning to reduce herd numbers due to range conditions and expected hay prices. Both **Carbon** and **Emery** counties have been faced with wildfires and evacuations. The fires have affected grazing ground and many cattlemen are trying to push their cattle to lower grounds or are moving them off the mountain completely. In **Utah County** range conditions are reported to be very dry.

Crop Progress
for Week Ending July 1, 2012

| Item | Current Week | Previous Week | Previous Year | 5 Year Average |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Barley Headed Stage | 92 | 90 | 58 | 78 |
| Oats Headed Stage | 78 | 56 | 43 | 54 |
| Spring Wheat Headed | 90 | 88 | 24 | 58 |
| Alfalfa First Cutting | 97 | 89 | 84 | 89 |
| Alfalfa Second Cutting | 18 | 7 | 3 | NA |
| Other Hay Cut | 70 | 58 | 55 | 57 |
| Apricots Harvested | 40 | 23 | NA | NA |
| Sweet Cherries Harvested | 62 | 33 | NA | NA |
| Tart Cherries Harvested | 53 | NA | NA | NA |

Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending July 1, 2012

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Range & Pasture | 11 | 34 | 32 | 22 | 1 |
| Spring Wheat | 1 | 16 | 28 | 44 | 11 |
| Winter Wheat | 4 | 24 | 32 | 30 | 10 |
| Barley | 0 | 2 | 21 | 55 | 22 |
| Oats | 0 | 2 | 27 | 66 | 5 |
| Corn | 0 | 2 | 28 | 55 | 15 |
| Sheep | 0 | 1 | 19 | 61 | 19 |
| Cattle/calves | 0 | 1 | 20 | 61 | 18 |

Livestock Percent
for Week Ending July 1, 2012

| Item | Current Week | Previous Week | Previous Year | 5-Year Average |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Cattle Moved to Summer Range | 98 | 92 | 96 | 96 |

Soil Moisture
for Week Ending July 1, 2012

| Item | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Topsoil | 31 | 35 | 34 | 0 |
| Subsoil | 29 | 45 | 26 | 0 |
| Irrigation water supplies | 19 | 32 | 49 | 0 |
| Stock water supplies | 18 | 30 | 52 | 0 |

Crop Development
for Week Ending July 1, 2012

| Item | Current Week | Previous Week | Previous Year | 5-Year Average |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | <i>Inches</i> | <i>Inches</i> | <i>Inches</i> | <i>Inches</i> |
| Corn Height | 29 | 18 | 13 | 19 |