



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

Utah Field Office · PO Box 25007 · Salt Lake City, Utah 84125
(800) 747-8522 · (801) 524-3090 FAX · www.nass.usda.gov

Issue 19 Week Ending July 15, 2012

John Hilton, Director

Released July 16, 2012

Agricultural Summary

For the week ending July 15th there was a reported 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Rain and cooler temperatures throughout the state towards the end of the week provided a much needed benefit to crops and rangelands. **Box Elder County** has been approved for CRP emergency grazing from July 16th through September 30th.

Field Crop Summary

In **Box Elder County** small grain harvest is underway with dryland wheat yields being reported from 30 to 60 bushels per acre. Corn crop shows variation as some fields are over six feet tall while others are much less with some fields showing signs of drought stress. Onions are reported as being in good to excellent condition while Safflower conditions are reported as fair to poor. **Cache County** producers are still on their second cutting of alfalfa while spring wheat and barley are expected to be ready to harvest within 10 days. Corn is growing exceptionally well where irrigation water is adequate. Evidence of spider mites are beginning to show but the impact is minimal in most cases. **Weber County** producers expect to have adequate irrigation water for the remainder of this year. **Morgan County** expects a good small grain crop but is short on irrigation water. **Carbon County** reports crops to be in good condition but irrigation water will likely be shut off in about a month. In **Duchesne** and **Dagget** counties, several of the irrigation companies have run out of water and some areas report a large number of grasshoppers. **Iron County** producers report high aphid populations in alfalfa.

Livestock Summary

In **Box Elder County** cooler temperatures and light rain towards the end of the week helped out but range conditions are still very dry. Producers report livestock to be in fair condition. **Carbon County** reports dry conditions have kept livestock off ranges and recent fires have limited feed availability. **Morgan County** ranchers expect livestock to come off ranges a month to two months early.

Crop Progress for Week Ending July 15, 2012

| Item | Current Week | Previous Week | Previous Year | 5 Year Average |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Oats Headed Stage | 85 | 81 | 73 | 79 |
| Oats Harvested Silage/Hay | 61 | NA | NA | NA |
| Winter Wheat Harvested | 20 | 17 | 3 | 7 |
| Alfalfa Second Cutting | 53 | 39 | 11 | 28 |
| Other Hay Cut | 78 | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| Apricots Harvested | 58 | 55 | 19 | 50 |
| Sweet Cherries Harvested | 87 | 78 | 32 | 58 |
| Tart Cherries Harvested | 63 | 60 | 1 | 21 |

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending July 15, 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 | 15 | 34 | 30 | 21 | 0 |
| Spring Wheat | 1 | 16 | 26 | 46 | 11 |
| Winter Wheat | 2 | 22 | 32 | 36 | 8 |
| Barley | 0 | 4 | 19 | 56 | 21 |
| Oats | 0 | 5 | 24 | 66 | 5 |
| Sheep | 0 | 1 | 20 | 58 | 21 |
| Cattle/calves | 0 | 1 | 20 | 61 | 18 |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 15, 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 | 28 | 41 | 31 | 0 |
| Irrigation water supplies | 27 | 28 | 45 | 0 |
| Stock water supplies | 19 | 27 | 54 | 0 |