



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

For the week ending July 22nd there was a reported 6.4 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. In **Iron County** storms brought over 1 inch of rain, improving soil moisture and range conditions in high elevations. **Morgan County** reports that those on stream flow irrigation water are about out of water.

Field Crop Summary

Cache County growers have begun the harvest of winter wheat and barley. Yields on irrigated acreage are quite good; dryland yields are much lower. Alfalfa hay harvest continues in earnest. Some growers are working on second cutting while others are almost ready to harvest third cutting. Corn is growing very well where irrigation supplies are able to keep up with plant requirements. Growers are carefully watching populations of spider mites in some corn fields. Most irrigation companies are methodically reducing the amount of water available to their respective shareholders. In **Sevier County** spider mites are beginning to affect corn yield. In **Weber County** spider mites continue to infest corn fields at levels that require pesticide treatment. Due to a lack of water and the wildfires on the mountain in **Emery County**, quite a few alfalfa producers are now grazing their alfalfa fields instead of harvesting a 2nd cutting.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County reports that cows, calves and sheep are mostly on summer ranges. In **Cache County** rangelands and pastures are dwindling quickly because of the continuing dry conditions. Some ranchers are already selling marginal cows and may have to liquidate a larger percentage of their herds than anticipated. Dairy producers continue to struggle with the realities of rising feed costs and marginal milk prices.

Crop Progress for Week Ending July 22, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Barley Harvested (Grain)	13	1	7	10
Oats Headed Stage	93	85	83	87
Oats Harvested Silage/Hay	73	61	45	64
Spring Wheat Harvested	6	1	1	4
Winter Wheat Harvested	45	20	9	15
Corn Silk Stage	37	10	4	18
Alfalfa Second Cutting	73	53	33	48
Other Hay Cut	80	78	85	80
Apricots Harvested	60	58	38	64
Sweet Cherries Harvested	97	87	53	74
Tart Cherries Harvested	69	63	22	41

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending July 22, 2012

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	16	29	31	24	0
Spring Wheat	0	17	29	45	9
Winter Wheat	5	23	35	32	5
Barley	0	7	25	51	17
Oats	0	6	31	60	3
Corn	0	6	23	58	13
Sheep	0	0	21	57	22
Cattle/calves	0	2	25	57	16

Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 22, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	32	38	30	0
Subsoil	27	47	26	0
Irrigation water supplies	33	27	40	0
Stock water supplies	21	29	50	0