



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

For the week ending August 5th, 2012 there was a reported 6.8 days suitable for field work. Rain in certain parts of the state although welcomed, made harvest difficult for producers. Dry conditions throughout the rest of the state are a continual stress on crops. Livestock in **Box Elder** and **Cache County** are reported to remain in good condition although rangelands are drying up. Corn continues to do well and most is past the tasseling state.

Field Crop Summary

In **Box Elder** County, wheat harvest is winding down in the county with most of the acreage harvested and is expected to wrap up in the next two weeks. Yields have been variable depending on location, availability of irrigation, and frost. Spring wheat on non-irrigated cropland has been very poor this year due to the lack of moisture. Lack of moisture for summer fallow is a serious concern for farmers. Corn is progressing very well in the county and most has tasseled or is currently tasseling. Irrigation on corn continues to be a priority. Some spider mites have been observed and producers have sprayed in some instances. **Cache County** growers are experiencing near perfect conditions for harvesting barley and wheat. Yields on irrigated lands are generally quite good. Persistent hot and dry conditions have lowered dryland yields. Irrigated corn continues to grow well and many growers are already cutting their third crop of hay. Small grains are being harvested in **Weber County** and corn is reported to be in good condition and beginning to silk. Corn in **Duchesne County** is also reported to be in good condition with most of the corn tasseled out. The third cutting of hay is expected within the next few weeks but production has been poor so far. Rain in **Beaver** and **Wayne** Counties has made alfalfa harvest difficult for some producers.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County ranchers report livestock in good condition but report summer range conditions from poor to very poor and may be culling their herds heavier than normal. **Cache County** rangelands are reported to be dwindling and have ranchers very concerned about fall and winter feed availability. Scattered rain in **Beaver County** has benefited some pastures. **Wayne County** reports ranges as dry and winter feed prospects poor.

Crop Progress for Week Ending August 5, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Harvested (Grain)	56	35	14	31
Oats Harvested (Grain)	53	8	3	16
Oats Harvested Silage/Hay	78	75	72	84
Spring Wheat Harvested	48	19	2	21
Winter Wheat Harvested	85	69	25	43
Corn Silk Stage	86	60	29	58
Alfalfa Second Cutting	96	92	66	76
Alfalfa Third Cutting	81	80	0	0
Other Hay Cut	91	86	94	89
Apricots Harvested	95	81	89	89
Tart Cherries Harvested	97	78	57	73

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending August 5, 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	19	29	28	24	0
Spring Wheat	2	21	29	39	9
Barley	0	9	24	48	19
Oats	0	6	26	64	4
Corn	0	9	24	51	16
Sheep	0	1	19	58	22
Cattle/calves	0	4	21	59	16

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 5, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	31	36	33	0
Subsoil	34	42	24	0
Irrigation water supplies	28	28	44	0
Stock water supplies	17	33	50	0