



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

For the week ending August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 there was a reported 6.8 days suitable for field work. Rain in **Carbon** and **Duchesne** counties, although light, improved range conditions. Irrigation companies throughout the state are either placing restrictions or cutting off water supplies altogether.

## Field Crop Summary

**Box Elder County** producers in Blue Creek and Pocatello Valleys are in the final stages of their wheat harvest, yields have been reported as fair with consideration to this season's hot and dry temperatures. Producers continue to bale and remove their third cutting of alfalfa. Fruit producers are having a better harvest than anticipated with some producers reporting a good cherry crop and peach harvest beginning as much as two weeks early. Irrigated safflower is reported to be in good condition while dryland safflower is reported fair at best. **Cache County** producers are concluding their wheat and barley harvest while third cutting alfalfa is well underway. Irrigated corn continues to do well but several irrigation companies are imposing significant water restrictions and many producers have had to spray for spider mites. Fall planting is on hold in the area due to dry soil. In **Carbon County**, crops are reported in good condition but canal water is expected to be shut off by the end of August. Irrigation water is also being shut off in **Duchesne County** where producers are concerned about having adequate water to finish their crops.

## Livestock Summary

In **Box Elder County**, cattle continue to graze on summer ranges. Some sheep producers are reporting that they will be shipping lambs to buyers earlier than normal because feed and water are in short supply. Prices continue to be good for lambs although they are a little lower than last year's record prices. In **Carbon** and **Duchesne Counties**, recent mountain rains have helped relieve dry conditions on summer ranges. Most of the hay being used in the area has been shipped in because of poor hay production in the county this year.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending August 19, 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)	88	78	60	68
Oats Harvested (Grain)	63	NA	32	44
Oats Harvested Silage/Hay	93	81	90	93
Spring Wheat Harvested	88	76	40	57
Winter Wheat Harvested	95	92	68	79
Corn Silk Stage	98	87	70	88
Corn Dough Stage	23	NA	9	26
Alfalfa Third Cutting	82	81	NA	27
Peach Harvested	32	NA	12	24

## Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending August 19, 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	35	33	13	0
Oats	0	7	29	57	7
Corn	0	4	18	55	23
Sheep	0	1	26	66	7
Cattle/calves	0	2	27	61	10

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 19, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	37	41	22	0
Subsoil	33	48	19	0
Irrigation water supplies	38	31	31	0
Stock water supplies	29	34	37	0