



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

For the week ending September 30, 2012, there was a reported 6.5 days suitable for field work. **Beaver County** reports rain this week was appreciated, even though some hay got rained on. **Carbon County** reports gentle rainfall this past week helped to relieve some of the topsoil moisture concerns, but accumulations were limited. Fall precipitation is still below average. **Duchesne County** reports some much needed rain storms this past week. Although it is too late to help improve crops for the current year, the added soil moisture will help improve the crops for next year. **Uintah County** reports good rains, up to 2 inches in some parts of the county this week which recharged topsoil moisture.

Field Crop Summary

The corn crop looks good and is drying down nicely, according to **Beaver County** reports. In **Box Elder County** the grain corn harvest is beginning. Most dry land farmers are waiting to plant fall wheat. A few farmers planted wheat deeper than usual and about 50% of it is up. The onion harvest is progressing, with reports coming in that the quality and yield are both good. Farmers with irrigation are busy planting fall wheat. Fields that are up look good. In **Cache County** conditions continue to be very dry. The harvest of corn silage, safflower, and 4th crop alfalfa hay is progressing nicely. Winter wheat needs to be planted, but many are holding off because of dry soil conditions. **Carbon County** reports that crops are looking good. Corn silage harvest is complete in **Duchesne County** and grain corn has started to dry down significantly. **Weber County** reports growers busy harvesting corn silage, onions and 4th/5th crop alfalfa.

Livestock Summary

Livestock looks good according to **Beaver County** reports. **Cache County** reports some evidence of pneumonia in cattle, caused by wide variations of high and low temperatures, and dusty conditions. **Carbon County** reports summer ranges are doing well due to some late summer and early fall rains, which also eased irrigation water concerns. Some stock ponds have filled while others have been missed by thunderstorms. **Duchesne County** reports many livestock producers have started to bring livestock home and put them on available fall grazing. Inadequate fall grazing is expected to lead to early feeding this year. **Uintah County** reports that the rain has helped fill livestock ponds.

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 30, 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	28	32	27	2
Corn	1	4	28	51	16
Sheep	0	1	20	71	8
Cattle/calves	0	3	29	62	6

Crop Progress for Week Ending September 30, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Onions Harvested	70	66	40	59
Winter Wheat Planted	47	35	69	66
Corn Dent Stage	90	83	63	81
Corn Mature	65	49	18	51
Corn Grain Harvested	16	NA	NA	6
Corn Silage Harvested	64	43	31	40
Alfalfa Third Cutting	96	92	85	91
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	43	35	NA	24
Apple Harvested	50	35	17	42
Peach Harvested	88	80	83	88

Livestock Percent for Week Ending September 30, 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 from Summer Range	37	22	24	39
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	37	25	26	38

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 30, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	26	40	34	0
Subsoil	31	39	29	1
Irrigation water supplies	29	28	43	0
Stock water supplies	14	30	56	0