



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

For the week ending November 11, 2012, there was a reported 5.71 days suitable for field work. In **Box Elder County** a storm moved through on Thursday and Friday. Most of the county received about a half inch of moisture and some was in the form of snow. It was very welcome and the producers are counting on more moisture this winter to replenish soil moisture and ground water. **Duchesne County** did not receive a large amount of snow in the valleys, but the mountains received close to a foot. This was a welcomed sign to many producers.

## Field Crop Summary

**Box Elder County** field work is winding down. There are still a few fields of grain corn that are being harvested. The harvest rate is dictated by the producer's ability to dry the corn. Yields have been good and the corn price is still strong. Some are plowing fields while they are frozen. Dry land wheat producers have reported that most of the wheat planted in dry soil has sprouted; however, there are some dry land fields that haven't sprouted due to the lack of moisture. In **Duchesne County** the corn crop is just about all harvested. It has been a decent year for producers who had irrigation water that lasted the entire season. **Weber County** grain corn growers are still waiting for the corn to dry before they harvest, to avoid drying costs.

## Livestock Summary

**Box Elder County** Cattle producers are shipping calves. Many livestock operations are now preg checking cows. Some are feeding their livestock because fall pastures are depleted. Some livestock deaths have been reported due to halogeton poisoning. Halogeton is an invasive plant species in the Great Basin area which sheep can safely eat after some of the oxalates are removed by rain or snow, but is toxic to cattle. A lot of sheep producers have turned their flocks out on irrigated crop fields in the county. Bucks will be turned in with ewes soon. Each sheep operation has their ideal time to begin lambing which determines when they initiate breeding. In **Duchesne County** many ranchers have continued to cull cows and reduce herd numbers as feed is short and expensive. Many producers who don't normally preg check, have done so this year, and are feeding only pregnant cows. The lamb price is down, and producers have not done as well with them this year.

## Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending November 11, 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	18	34	31	16	1
Sheep	0	3	26	68	3
Cattle/calves	1	6	35	58	0

## Crop Progress for Week Ending November 11, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter Wheat Planted	96	92	95	98
Corn Grain Harvested	81	80	54	67

## Livestock Percent for Week Ending November 11, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	99	94	95	99

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 11, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	22	33	45	0
Subsoil	25	44	29	2
Stock water supplies	14	34	52	0