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## **Utah Crop Progress & Conditions**

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#### **Agricultural Summary**

Snowfall was spotted in some counties over this past weekend. Most counties received rainfall last week. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.1. The fall harvest continues to be the major activity around the state. Livestock continue to do well.

#### **Field Crops Summary**

Sevier County reported that farmers received their first hard frost (20 degrees F°) last week. High winds and scattered showers also hampered fieldwork. Box Elder County reports that farmers received about 1 inch of rainfall last weekend. Dryland farmers will plant their wheat as soon as they can get into the fields. Farmers in the area continue to harvest grain corn, alfalfa hay and onions. Producers are shedding or bailing corn stalks and preparing those fields to be planted to fall grain. Much of the fall grain that has been planted has emerged and looks good.

### **Livestock Summary**

Emery County reports that the rain storms over the past couple of weeks have helped put moisture into the soil profile that has been missing. Range grazing is still going to be affected negatively this year as the grasses did not grow very well. Box Elder County reports that livestock producers have been gathering cattle from summer ranges and are still concerned about feed for the winter. Storms have made feed from pastures more palatable. Sheep producers are sorting lambs and beginning to move their flocks to crop residue in preparation for the breeding season. Beaver County reports that producers are gathering and bringing their cattle off summer ranges. Farmers within the county continue to feed their livestock high priced hay. Summit County reports that sheep producers are finishing shipping lambs to buyers. Beef producers are still gathering cattle off summer ranges and shipping claves to feedlots. Lambs and calves within the county are being reported as weighing a little heavier than last year.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending October 7, 2007

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Onions Harvested	90	85	68	83
Winter Wheat Planted	58	57	62	72
Winter Wheat Emerged	30	20	37	37
Corn Mature	87	83	85	72
Corn Grain Harvested	35	22	22	13
Corn Silage Harvested	86	80	87	83
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	74	67	65	66
Apple Harvested	69	56	82	63
Pears Harvested	91	85	100	99

### Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending October 7, 2007

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	18	38	31	13	0
Corn	0	1	16	63	20

#### Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 7, 2007

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	13	36	50	1
Subsoil	19	35	46	0
Irrigation water supplies	29	33	38	0
Stock water supplies	11	34	55	0