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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Farm activity continued with a strong surge. The days suitable for work went up from 5.2 days to 6.0 days mainly due to warmer weather. Ranchers report that calving season has almost come to an end and sheep shearing is almost complete.

Field Crops Summary

The majority of producers around the state were thrilled with amount of field activity this week. Most activities this week consisted of spreading fertilizer, drilling grain fields, and planting spring crops. However, Box Elder still reports that onion growers were not able to plant and corn planting for this year has still been delayed due to wet field conditions. Fruit trees around the state are in full bloom, and only a few problems have been identified due to last week's freeze. Water supplies for this season are looking very good.

Livestock Summary

The outlook as a whole looks good for livestock. Producers this week have begun branding and docking their livestock. All reports indicate that the pastures are greening up due to the warmer weather; no problems due to insects have been reported. Range sheep continue to be sheared as the weather permits.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending April 23, 2006**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Planted	45	22	43	71
Barley Emerged	7	7	10	37
Oats Planted	33	24	47	56
Oats Emerged	12	6	6	26
Spring Wheat Planted	53	24	55	78
Spring Wheat Emerged	18	15	11	42
Apple Full Bloom	90	16	59	50
Apricots Full Bloom	88	74	97	99
Peach Full Bloom	84	31	91	87
Pears Full Bloom	85	19	93	76
Sweet Cherries Full Bloom	84	40	64	85
Tart Cherries Full Bloom	76	40	65	85

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending April 23, 2006**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	0	0	13	68	19
Winter Wheat	0	4	27	63	6
Sheep	0	0	13	79	8
Cattle/calves	0	1	8	68	23

**Livestock Percent
for Week Ending April 23, 2006**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cows Calved	86	84	89	87
Sheep Sheared on Farm	83	69	72	80
Sheep Sheared on Range	73	58	50	64
Ewes Lambded on Farm	91	86	89	86
Ewes Lambded on Range	54	40	46	57

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending April 23, 2006**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	6	71	23
Subsoil	0	4	87	9
Irrigation water supplies	0	1	94	5
Stock water supplies	0	0	96	4