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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Field operations around the state are in full swing. The days suitable for work has reached a yearly high of 6.9 days---up from 6.0 days the previous week. Spring rains this year have provided ample moisture for pastures and ranges. Lambing is about 50 percent complete but below last year's mark of 67 percent.

Field Crops Summary

Producers around the state were elated at the amount of farm activity this week. All 7 days were great for field work. Major activities included fertilizing, corn planting, alfalfa planting and vegetable planting. On the downside, Mormon crickets are hatching in the Rosette area, so landowners are working with state and federal officials on a spraying campaign which is likely to begin May 15th.

Livestock Summary

Livestock are looking good throughout the state. Box Elder reports that the lambing of range flocks are about 50 percent complete. Farmers this week continue to brand and dock their livestock. Most reports indicate that the pastures are green and the irrigation supplies are more than adequate.

Crop Progress for Week Ending April 30, 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	69	45	52	81
Barley Emerged	27	7	26	53
Oats Planted	58	33	54	65
Oats Emerged	13	12	16	36
Spring Wheat Planted	71	53	68	87
Spring Wheat Emerged	43	18	37	58
Corn Planted	11	1	2	15
Pears Full Bloom	92	85	94	86
Sweet Cherries Full Bloom	92	84	89	96
Tart Cherries Full Bloom	92	76	90	95

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending April 30, 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	1	13	65	21
Winter Wheat	0	4	27	59	10
Sheep	0	0	12	80	8
Cattle/calves	0	1	9	72	18

Livestock Percent for Week Ending April 30, 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	93	86	93	92
Sheep Sheared on Farm	85	83	81	89
Sheep Sheared on Range	77	73	67	78
Ewes Lambed on Farm	92	91	93	93
Ewes Lambed on Range	56	54	67	70

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 30, 2006

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	3	84	13
Subsoil	0	2	90	8
Irrigation water supplies	0	1	91	8
Stock water supplies	0	0	95	5