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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Field operations around the state continue to be in full swing. The days suitable for work has reached a yearly high of 7 days---up from 6.6 days the previous week. Most crops are in great condition due to the warmer weather. Livestock producers continue to dock their lambs and brand their calves.

Field Crops Summary

Most producers have reported good weather conditions around the state. Cache County as well as other counties report farm activities around the state still include corn, alfalfa, and grain planting. Reports from Box Elder indicate that harvesting has begun for the first crop hay; however, Mormon crickets west of Rosette have been spotted in the area. APHIS reports indicate that this is the highest ever cricket count anywhere---over 500 crickets per square yard. Spraying this year will be very difficult and could get extremely expensive by the summer's end.

Livestock Summary

Livestock continues to look good throughout the state. Producers are moving cattle to their summer ranges. Box Elder reports calving is just about complete, while lambing on range still has a way to go. Reports of dry soil conditions are occurring in spots around the state due to the warmer weather.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending May 14, 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	94	88	61	91
Barley Emerged	75	60	43	79
Oats Planted	84	69	68	82
Oats Emerged	48	41	37	59
Spring Wheat Emerged	82	67	67	86
Corn Planted	64	39	17	48

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending May 14, 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	12	66	21
Winter Wheat	0	3	24	63	10
Sheep	0	0	12	77	11
Cattle/calves	0	1	8	68	23

**Livestock Percent
for Week Ending May 14, 2006**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sheep Sheared on Farm	93	87	86	97
Sheep Sheared on Range	85	80	74	90
Ewes Lambled on Range	80	76	77	86

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending May 14, 2006**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	1	26	72	1
Subsoil	1	11	88	0
Irrigation water supplies	0	2	97	1
Stock water supplies	1	5	92	2