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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Farm activity around the state remained consistent with last week's activities; the days suitable for work was 7.0. Crops within the state continue to be in excellent condition due to the warmer temperatures. Livestock producers are thrilled with this year's operations and all reports indicate that the livestock are doing well.

Field Crops Summary

Most counties have experienced a hotter than normal week. According to Box Elder, many producers have begun cutting the alfalfa early because of last month's temperature; some hay has already been baled and is in the barn. Much of the corn has been planted for this season, and Cache County reported that a lot of irrigation took place this week due to the insufficient amount of rainfall.

Livestock Summary

Livestock continues to be moved to summer ranges. Most counties report that cattle and sheep are in good condition; however, there is some concern about the ranges drying out as a result of the warmer temperatures.

Crop Progress for Week Ending May 21, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Emerged	90	75	55	87
Oats Planted	91	84	78	89
Oats Emerged	65	48	49	70
Corn Planted	79	64	38	68

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending May 21, 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	4	21	50	25
Winter Wheat	0	8	36	49	7
Sheep	0	0	11	78	11
Cattle/calves	0	1	7	69	23

Livestock Percent for Week Ending May 21, 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 Range	90	85	81	94
Ewes Lambled on Range	83	80	83	92

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 21, 2006

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	2	28	68	2
Subsoil	1	16	82	1
Irrigation water supplies	0	4	93	3
Stock water supplies	0	2	94	4