



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Cool weather has extended well in to June. Days suitable for field work was 4.8. Crops continue to progress around the state.

## Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reported having some frost in the Bear River Valley which may have had caused some damage to the hay. Corn is emerging and is between 4 and 8 inches tall. Winter wheat conditions have also improved over the past week. Cache County reports that small grains and pastures are looking very good. Alfalfa hay is ready to be cut within the county, but persistent showers have prevented growers from beginning the harvest. Farmers in Cache and Box Elder are having concerns with cereal leaf beetles. The increase has been seen in the barley and wheat. Emery County reported having a minor frost over the weekend but there were no major losses reported. Iron County reports the cool weather has resulted in very productive winter grain crops, however many alfalfa fields have suffered weevil damage. The cool weather has also caused farmers to delay the first cutting.

## Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports livestock producers have moved most of the livestock to summer ranges and will finish moving in the next two weeks. The calf crop looks good but there has been some concern over calf scours in the county. Range and pasture conditions have improved especially on acreage dominated by perennial grasses. Carbon County reports that the extended cool, dry spring delayed livestock moving onto spring ranges this year. Recent rains and cool weather will hopefully promote good grass growth on the range. Cooler temperatures have delayed the spring runoff and snow is still blocking many of the mountain roads to summer range. The slower runoff will help alleviate concerns about the shortage of water stored in Scofield Reservoir as levels have been drawn down to repair the spillway. Wayne County reports that the cold spring has caused grass production to be as much as 20 percent short and green-up is about 14 days late.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending June 8, 2008

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Dry Beans Planted	53	18	71	59
Oats Emerged	77	71	94	92
Winter Wheat Head Stage	35	19	81	65
Alfalfa First Cutting	11	6	65	58
Other Hay Cut	6	2	27	19

### Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending June 8, 2008

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	3	18	35	34	10
Sheep	0	0	15	82	3
Cattle/calves	0	2	19	71	8

### Livestock Percent for Week Ending June 8, 2008

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sheep Moved to Summer Range	62	50	77	68
Cattle Moved to Summer Range	62	45	65	65
Sheep Sheared on Farm	100	97	100	100
Sheep Sheared on Range	100	97	100	99
Ewes Lambled on Range	0	100	0	0

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 8, 2008

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	2	24	72	2
Subsoil	2	26	72	0
Stock water supplies	0	11	89	0