



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Adequate rain showers fell throughout Utah this past week. Days suitable for work were 6.4. Livestock conditions continue to do well.

## Field Crops Summary

Utah reports that Canal Companies has started delivering water this week. Box Elder County experienced some rain showers this past week. Some areas received a half inch of rain while other areas only got a sprinkle. Crops are progressing some but it has been slow due to the cold temperatures. Reporters think 1st crop hay cutting will be 2 or 3 weeks later than normal due to the late spring and cold temperatures. Frost damage was reported in apricots, sweet cherries and possibly some of the early peaches. Corn planting is progressing but some producers indicated that there was not enough moisture for germination. Winter wheat looks good for the most part on the irrigated fields of the Bear River Valley. The majority of spring wheat has now emerged and looks fair to good. Dry land wheat varies a lot with some fields being in good condition and other areas being in poor condition. Some fields have been appraised by insurance adjustors reporting as low as 5 bushel to the acre. Producers are continuing to plant safflower throughout the dry land areas. The top part of the soil profile has dried out considerably due to lack of rain and lots of wind this spring. Weber County received the much needed rainfall this past week. Topsoil within the county was getting to dry to support seedling growth. Emery County reports that the light frost this past week did not do much damage to the crops. Strong winds within the county continue to dry out the top soil. Sevier County still reports windy conditions throughout the county. Peak water runoff is later than usual and reservoirs within the county are not expected to fill. Summit County reports farmers are busy doing spring tillage and planting. The weather has started to warm up enough to see crops starting to grow. Beaver County reports farmers are running out of hay because they are feeding their animals longer than usual. The grass is slow in coming up because of the cold and dry temperatures. Wayne County reports that a hard freeze (approximately 18 degrees) occurred on May 1st. The freeze has delayed crop progress by 2 or 3 weeks.

## Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports livestock producers have voiced a concern about an outbreak of the black grass bug especially in the Howell and Blue Creek areas. This bug feeds on the chlorophyll of grass plants and turns the grass white. Information is still being gathered on how to control this pest and what control measures will be economically feasible. Iron County also reports that Black Grass Bugs have done extensive damage to some ranges. Grasshoppers are starting to become a problem. Summit County report ranchers are still feeding hay to cattle due to slow pasture and range growth.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending May 11, 2008

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Planted	93	83	99	89
Barley Emerged	65	55	81	71
Oats Planted	83	66	84	81
Oats Emerged	44	33	54	51
Spring Wheat Planted	92	90	99	94
Spring Wheat Emerged	77	67	90	79
Corn Planted	34	17	46	42
Apple Full Bloom	73	71	99	100
Peach Full Bloom	64	51	100	100
Pears Full Bloom	78	76	94	98
Tart Cherries Full Bloom	85	83	100	99

### Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending May 11, 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	6	21	48	21	4
Winter Wheat	8	15	27	43	7

### Livestock Percent for Week Ending May 11, 2008

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Ewes Lambled on Farm	89	89	96	98
Ewes Lambled on Range	65	61	76	79

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 11, 2008

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	4	25	69	2
Subsoil	1	23	75	1
Stock water supplies	0	13	87	0