



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 3.4 days suitable for field work in the State last week. Rain showers and cool temperatures were common in most locations. Temperature dropped below freezing a few nights in some locations. The cool, wet weather slowed field work as farmers in many locations had to wait for fields to dry out enough to bring in tractors and other field equipment. Pollination in orchards was slow due to weather conditions.

Field Crops Summary

Farmers in Box Elder County expressed frustration about not getting crops planted due to wet soil conditions. Growers there had planted about half of the onion crop. They will continue to plant until May 1. After that growers may decide to plant alternate crops such as grain corn or dry beans. Planting of safflower is also behind normal. Many dry land winter wheat producers in the higher elevations of Box Elder County have had as much as 75 percent winter kill. Many plan to replant to spring wheat or safflower. Most of the fields have too much soil moisture to work or plant. Grain farmers in Cache County are getting discouraged because wet weather there is delaying planting. Planting is also being delayed in Weber County. Flooding from the Weber River is affecting activity on minor acreages. Wet weather continued to delay field work in Morgan County. Wet conditions have pretty much stopped field activity in Utah and Sanpete Counties. In Duchesne County there has been some rain but field work has been able to continue in preparation to plant crops. In San Juan County, a storm left an inch of rain. The timing of the precipitation was perfect to keep wheat growing and get range grass off to a good start.

Livestock Summary

Livestock producers are branding and doctoring calves in preparation for turning out on spring pastures in Box Elder County. Some producers there have turned animals out and they are reporting that the grass is short but there is good moisture for the grass to grow when it warms up. Ranchers have been battling some sickness in calves due to the wet, cold weather. Sheep producers in Box Elder County are just beginning to lamb. Overall, the sheep look good and markets for lambs and wool are excellent at the present time. In Cache County, grass is starting to green up on pastures and rangeland allowing beef cattle to do somewhat better. Hay is in short supply and many beef and dairy producers are almost out. Livestock producers in Duchesne County were also preparing cattle to send to spring pastures. In Sanpete County livestock conditions vary. There are some problems due to the wet conditions.

Crop Progress for Week Ending April 24, 2011

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Planted	35	30	80	67
Barley Emerged	8	8	53	29
Oats Planted	37	35	46	47
Oats Emerged	8	4	18	15
Spring Wheat Planted	39	32	74	72
Spring Wheat Emerged	10	7	38	32
Apple Full Bloom	11	7	17	51
Apricots Full Bloom	85	76	81	84
Peach Full Bloom	23	20	59	58
Sweet Cherries Full Bloom	22	21	45	64
Tart Cherries Full Bloom	11	10	40	60

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending April 24, 2011

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	9	31	54	6
Winter Wheat	1	4	19	66	10
Sheep	0	2	23	74	1
Cattle/calves	1	2	28	67	2

Livestock Percent for Week Ending April 24, 2011

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cows Calved	86	82	87	87
Sheep Sheared on Farm	86	75	64	58
Sheep Sheared on Range	72	58	61	48
Ewes Lambled on Farm	82	71	86	88
Ewes Lambled on Range	39	33	44	39

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 24, 2011

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	2	66	32
Subsoil	0	2	78	20

Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - April 25, 2011

Site name	County	Precip to Date*	Weekly Precip	Avg Air Temp	Soil Moisture					Soil Temperature				
					2"	4"	8"	20"	40"	2"	4"	8"	20"	40"
		<i>in.</i>	<i>in.</i>	<i>° F</i>	<i>volume %</i>					<i>° F</i>				
WESTERN														
Grouse Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	10.0	0.50	37	15	25	30	31	33	42	44	46	43	43
Park Valley	<i>Box Elder</i>	7.1	0.23	40	7	13	21	30	24	45	46	48	46	46
Goshute	<i>Tooele</i>	8.1	0.28	41	19	37	16	37	37	41	45	47	46	45
Dugway	<i>Tooele</i>	7.4	0.19	45	20	29	36	nd	13	46	49	50	50	49
Tule Valley	<i>Millard</i>	6.2	0.23	47	25	16	23	20	8	47	52	58	57	56
Hal's Canyon	<i>Millard</i>	4.9	0.36	46	3	12	12	14	8	45	50	57	55	51
Enterprise	<i>Washington</i>	13.3	0.64	44	17	37	34	29	33	46	51	52	51	49
DIXIE														
Sand Hollow	<i>Washington</i>	11.7	0.20	59	12	4	4	5	5	58	64	69	67	64
NORTH CENTRAL														
Blue Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	11.1	0.23	41	32	33	40	36	25	45	47	47	44	43
Cache Junction	<i>Cache</i>	16.8	0.91	43	39	43	50	42	41	48	49	47	44	44
Grantsville	<i>Tooele</i>	10.1	0.71	44	16	2	27	39	25	49	52	52	50	51
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Nephi	<i>Juab</i>	9.7	0.47	40	25	27	26	15	15	47	47	48	47	46
Ephraim	<i>Sanpete</i>	7.8	0.50	40	15	19	29	27	42	43	47	47	44	44
Holden	<i>Millard</i>	7.6	0.28	44	8	9	9	21	18	50	51	51	49	48
Milford	<i>Beaver</i>	7.7	0.44	45	18	27	29	38	16	51	52	51	49	48
Manderfield	<i>Beaver</i>	11.5	0.64	40	19	26	26	23	10	46	47	47	46	44
Circleville	<i>Piute</i>	8.5	0.67	42	31	14	15	23	8	48	47	51	49	46
Panguitch	<i>Garfield</i>	7.8	0.48	42	11	27	22	31	33	46	47	46	44	43
Cave Valley	<i>Washington</i>	25.8	0.46	44	6	8	6	7	7	45	46	49	51	49
Vermillion	<i>Kane</i>	14.8	0.25	42	0	7	9	15	27	43	45	48	47	45
Spooky	<i>Kane</i>	6.6	0.40	49	3	2	5	26	4	53	52	56	56	54
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS														
Chicken Ridge	<i>Morgan</i>	9.9	0.99	35	23	15	25	20	29	33	33	33	33	33
Buffalo Jump	<i>Rich</i>	8.6	0.68	35	22	28	26	30	-	44	44	44	41	-
Morgan	<i>Morgan</i>	19.6	1.32	42	25	26	29	17	8	46	46	47	45	43
UINTAH BASIN														
Mountain Home	<i>Duchesne</i>	6.4	0.69	35	31	38	40	34	30	42	43	43	42	43
Little Red Fox	<i>Duchesne</i>	5.6	0.42	41	11	33	40	37	42	46	50	50	48	46
Split Mountain	<i>Uintah</i>	5.6	0.51	43	14	23	23	23	10	45	48	50	49	48
SOUTHEAST														
Price	<i>Carbon</i>	7.2	0.44	41	4	14	21	15	17	46	50	52	51	49
Green River	<i>Emery</i>	3.9	0.40	47	6	8	9	5	10	53	56	59	59	56
Harm's Way	<i>San Juan</i>	5.1	0.95	37	11	12	23	26	11	45	42	47	49	47
West Summit	<i>San Juan</i>	3.4	0.58	38	21	24	20	15	20	44	45	49	47	46
Eastland	<i>San Juan</i>	6.3	0.77	40	18	17	21	32	34	45	48	48	48	47
Alkali Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	6.1	0.86	42	10	16	18	19	14	47	46	50	51	49
McCracken Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	3.8	0.26	49	10	15	16	17	14	52	56	57	56	54

*since October 1, 2010, nd missing data.

SCAN site locations and hourly data including wind speed, wind direction, relative humidity, barometric pressure, solar radiation, etc. are available at <http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/scan/utah/utah.html>