



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for field work averaged 6.4. Warm days and cool nights mixed with a few intermittent storms comprised Utah's weather last week. **Uintah, Wayne, Emery and Weber Counties** are experiencing flooding. The Green, Price, and Weber Rivers, in certain parts, are at or above flood stage and causing some damage. Soil Moisture content decreased from the previous week. Topsoil moisture content was rated 9 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County farmers are reporting a significant amount of stripe rust in wheat fields resulting from the cool and wet spring. The rust is possibly affecting over one thousand acres of wheat in the county. Producers are actively spraying wheat fields with fungicides. Dryland farmers have had difficulty plowing summer fallow land because of the wet soil. Many have had to resort to spraying herbicides on the wheat stubble to stay ahead of weeds. Farmers were busy cutting hay; sadly, many acres of hay had minor to moderate rain damage. Producers are trying to cut hay early in order to allow fields enough time to grow prior to the second cutting. **Cache County** Growers are also feverishly attempting to finish planting corn, and in some cases safflower. Small grains are in good condition with the exception of a few outbreaks of Stripe Rust in winter wheat. Producers are hoping for drier weather so alfalfa can be cut. Alfalfa weevil are beginning to show in high numbers. Some growers have chosen to use an insecticide and delay harvest, while others are hoping to cut hay as soon as possible. Stripe Rust is present in the Hooper area of **Weber County**. Growers are planting corn five weeks late; they are expecting to experience a 20-30 percent reduction in yield. The first hay cutting is in full swing in **Utah County**. There is some frost damage to wheat in **San Juan County**. Low area's and draws have the most damage. Producers indicate less than a quarter of the county wheat acreage is damaged. Hay yields are below average in **Uintah County**.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder and Utah County livestock producers are moving cattle and sheep to summer ranges. There will be delays in some cases due to lingering snowpack at higher elevations. Pastures are in good condition. Some growers in **Cache County** are cutting hay because they are out of feed for their cattle. Range and pasture conditions are good in areas not flooded.

Crop Progress
for Week Ending June 12, 2011

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Emerged	98	90	99	98
Barley Headed Stage	6	NA	32	NA
Oats Planted	97	94	100	100
Oats Emerged	92	80	89	93
Winter Wheat Headed	44	31	40	67
Corn Planted	89	73	99	99
Corn Emerged	62	41	92	89
Alfalfa First Cutting	30	9	30	51
Other Hay Cut	19	4	15	NA
Apple Full Bloom	98	74	100	100
Tart Cherries Full Bloom	99	83	100	100

Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending June 12, 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	1	12	73	14
Spring Wheat	1	2	22	53	22
Winter Wheat	2	2	25	56	15
Barley	0	1	11	71	17
Oats	1	1	13	79	6
Corn	0	4	56	40	0
Sheep	0	2	24	71	3
Cattle/calves	0	1	17	74	8

Livestock Percent
for Week Ending June 12, 2011

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle Moved to Summer Range	69	50	69	75
Sheep Moved to Summer Range	54	42	63	76

Soil Moisture
for Week Ending June 12, 2011

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	9	78	13
Subsoil	0	3	79	18
Irrigation water supplies	0	1	54	45
Stock water supplies	0	3	77	20

Freeze Damage
for Week Ending June 12, 2011

Item	None	Light	Moderate	Severe
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Fruit	31	56	9	4

Crop Development
for Week Ending June 12, 2011

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>
Corn Height	3	NA	NA	3
Alfalfa Height	18	15	NA	18