



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for field work were 5. Parts of Northern Utah reported winter storms with a lot of wind and scattered precipitation. Nights were cold. The recent snow storm provided needed moisture for Box Elder, Morgan, and Weber Counties. Topsoil moisture content was rated 21 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Field Crop Summary

Box Elder County received about an inch of precipitation on the east side of the county and very little on the west side of the county when a storm moved through the county on Thursday and Friday. Farmers are seeding safflower, spring wheat, barley, oats, and some new alfalfa. Fall wheat looks good. Onions are emerging and also look good. Alfalfa fields are greening up and beginning to grow. It was reported that at least one producer planted his grain corn this last week. There have been some losses reported by fruit producers due to the frost on April 7th, but they are still optimistic as some peaches and apples have yet to bloom. More will be known as time passes and it is determined how much fruit is setting. Farmers in **Cache County** report that most of the small grains have been planted, and some safflower is also going in. Soil temperatures are still too cold for planting corn, but that process is anticipated to start in the next few weeks. Farmers have applied most of the fertilizer and crops are reported to be looking very good right now. Reports from **Carbon County** are that temperatures have cooled somewhat, which is slowing the crop growth to normal. **Beaver County** reported that farm work is going well with farmers getting their irrigation systems going.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County livestock producers report that their animals are doing well. Beef producers report that spring calving is almost completed. Sheep producers are extremely busy with lambing their range herds, which is reported to be going well. Livestock producers are concerned about the dry winter and dry spring and are anticipating the possibility that rangelands are going to be short of feed this year. In **Cache County** sheep and cattle are reported to be doing very well. Very few calving or lambing losses have been reported, due to the pleasant weather and relatively dry conditions. **Beaver County** reports that livestock are doing well. **Garfield/Kane Counties** have reported excellent calving success due to the mild winter and spring.

Crop Progress for Week Ending April 15, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Planted	81	66	28	51
Barley Emerged	44	22	6	10
Oats Planted	47	27	32	31
Oats Emerged	9	4	3	5
Spring Wheat Planted	87	72	30	52
Spring Wheat Emerged	44	24	5	13
Apricots Full Bloom	96	86	69	57
Peach Full Bloom	71	26	17	22
Sweet Cherries Full Bloom	86	22	18	25
Tart Cherries Full Bloom	83	19	9	32

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending April 15, 2012

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	44	46	6
Winter Wheat	0	0	28	54	18
Sheep	0	0	6	80	14
Cattle/calves	0	0	7	76	17

Livestock Percent for Week Ending April 15, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cows Calved	85	76	80	78
Sheep Sheared on Farm	75	60	73	49
Sheep Sheared on Range	56	50	55	37
Ewes Lambled on Farm	75	72	69	76
Ewes Lambled on Range	36	35	30	36

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 15, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	21	76	3
Subsoil	0	30	70	0
Stock water supplies	1	12	86	1