



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

During the past week 6.5 days were suitable for field work. **Box Elder County** experienced mostly good sunny weather last week. The eastern part of the county received some precipitation later in the week, but very little precipitation was received in the rest of the county. **Beaver County** reports that ranges in the county are very dry. **Cache County** growers received .5 inches of rain last Friday. **Duchesne County** continues to dry out due to lack of moisture and the wind. **Iron County** reports that ranges are starting to dry out rapidly due to the lack of precipitation. **Uintah County** reports that there isn't much water coming down from the mountains this past week. For the State, topsoil moisture is 7 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 62 percent adequate.

Field Crop Summary

Box Elder County reports that dry land and irrigated wheat are mostly in the boot stage right now. Wheat should be heading out over the next week to 10 days. The dry land wheat and alfalfa crops still look ok but are beginning to show signs of stress due to lack of moisture. Farmers in the eastern part of the county are busy irrigating, harvesting hay and cultivating corn and onions. Most of the corn has been planted in the county and about 75 percent has emerged and looks good. Some losses have occurred on fruit varieties due to some frost days in April and May. **Beaver County** reports that alfalfa is looking good, but there was some frost damage last week. Grasshoppers and weevil have begun infesting the alfalfa fields and farmers have started spraying. Most growers in **Cache County** are irrigating alfalfa hay before the first cutting. Growers are detecting some evidence of alfalfa weevil in their hay, and some growers have begun spraying. Small grains continue to look quite good. Very few cereal leaf beetles have been found yet. Most of the corn is planted and started to emerge. Growers are reporting that they are seeing evidence of grasshoppers in the dry land areas of the county. In **Duchesne County** the corn and hay are growing very well due to the warm temperatures. **Iron County** reports that many producers are spraying for alfalfa weevil. **Summit County** reports that the irrigation of crops is now in full swing due to the dry weather conditions. **Uintah County** reports that grasshoppers have begun to hatch on the west side of the county. **Weber County** reports that the first cutting of alfalfa is about finished. A few growers are spraying to control alfalfa weevil. All crops appear to be developing well.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County livestock producers are reporting that they are beginning to turn out animals on summer ranges. Higher elevations still look fair to good but will require some precipitation throughout the summer to keep the livestock in feed. Sheep producers with range herds are beginning to finish up. Success has been good with lambing thanks to good weather during lambing. **Cache County** reports that sheep and cattle continue to do quite well. **Beaver County** reports that livestock are getting moved to summer ranges and animals look good. **Duchesne County** reports that cattle and sheep have begun to move to summer ranges. However, the ranges are very dry. In **Iron County** the

calving and lambing have wrapped up with producers reporting a good calf and lamb crop.

Crop Progress for Week Ending May 20, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Emerged	95	88	61	77
Oats Planted	94	91	73	85
Oats Emerged	72	69	43	57
Winter Wheat Headed	13	9	12	11
Corn Planted	84	69	45	65
Corn Emerged	44	0	9	26
Alfalfa First Cutting	16	4	4	7
Other Hay Cut	7	0	5	1

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending May 20, 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	13	41	45	1
Spring Wheat	0	2	17	62	19
Winter Wheat	0	1	19	47	33
Barley	0	0	7	68	25
Oats	0	0	10	81	9
Sheep	0	0	8	66	26
Cattle/calves	0	0	11	66	23

Livestock Percent for Week Ending May 20, 2012

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	36	27	24	26
Sheep Moved to Summer Range	28	23	11	24
Ewes Lambled on Range	83	71	84	83

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 20, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	7	31	62	0
Subsoil	5	38	57	0
Irrigation water supplies	3	19	78	0
Stock water supplies	6	18	76	0

Crop Development for Week Ending May 20, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>
Alfalfa Height	15	12	7	7