



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Overall conditions for this week have been fair for field work. The days suitable for work was 4.0 days. Crops are beginning to progress around the state. Livestock continues to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports farmers in Corinne have been able to get into the fields and begin spring planting. Farmers are planting more spring wheat this year mainly due to the higher wheat prices. The increase in input costs for onions have made it likely that some acreage intended for onions will be planted to spring wheat. Most of the onions that are going to be planted have been planted already. Producers have been able to apply sprays and fertilizers on some acreage in the Bear River Valley. Most of the dryland areas in Blue Creek, Hansel Valley, and Pocatello Valleys are just coming out from under the snow and there is some concern about the fall wheat in that area. Much of the wheat did not get up very good due to dry conditions. Fruit farmers in Box Elder have been pruning and putting on dormant sprays and will anticipate bloom on their apricots and peaches. Beaver County reports that planting spring grains is going well. Concerns of irrigation water shortages and hay stock shortages are causing producers to worry about hay prices. Morgan and Weber county farmers are waiting for the fields to dry out so they can finish their spring plantings. Emery County reports that hay supplies are short, but range grasses are beginning to grow. Summit County reports that it's too wet to do any field work. Uintah County reports that the cold soil and air temperatures are keeping farmers from planting as of yet.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder indicates that the calving has gone well overall. Sheep producers (range herds) will be starting to lamb in the next couple of weeks. Irrigation supplies look good at this point. Summit and Beaver counties report that ranchers are still calving and lambing livestock, but unfortunately the cold wet weather has caused some pneumonia/scours in young calves and lambs.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending April 6, 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	35	NA	51	42
Oats Planted	21	NA	26	26
Spring Wheat Planted	29	NA	57	44
Apricots Full Bloom	47	NA	39	45

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending April 6, 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	18	40	26	10
Winter Wheat	0	13	15	55	17

**Livestock Percent
for Week Ending April 6, 2008**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cows Calved	68	NA	72	70
Ewes Lambled on Farm	66	NA	74	72
Ewes Lambled on Range	15	NA	35	31

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending April 6, 2008**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	5	92	3
Subsoil	0	3	96	1
Stock water supplies	0	1	99	0