



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Overall conditions were excellent for field work. The days suitable for work were 5.0 days. Crops are beginning to progress around the state. Livestock continues to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports farmers are working fields and planting small grains and safflower. Irrigated winter wheat looks good, but there has been some concern about winter wheat especially on the dry farms. It seems as if some fields have suffered some damage due to snow mold and winter kill. Box Elder also reports that the precipitation during the March was about 1/2 of normal, and hasn't seen much moisture in April. Hay supplies continue to be tight and prices are still high. This trend is likely to continue at least until the first crop is cut in May. Duchesne County reports that cool weather has delayed spring field work. Beaver County reports that spring planting is going well.

Livestock Summary

Beaver County reports that summer pastures are in big demand because many of the ranchers will not be able to graze livestock where the Milford Fire burned last year. Many ranchers have lost calves this spring due to a new variety of scours and also pneumonia. Box Elder reports that livestock producers are branding calves or lambing ewes. Many range flocks are in the process of being sheared and will start lambing shortly. Duchesne County reports that some cattle producers have been running short on feed and the calf death loss seems to be higher this year as reported by several producers. Emery County reports that moisture in higher elevations is above normal. Moisture at lower elevations has also been good, but spring and summer rains are still needed to help the feed production in native grazing areas of the county grow good feed this year.

Crop Progress for Week Ending April 13, 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	57	35	66	54
Oats Planted	28	21	31	36
Spring Wheat Planted	54	29	77	58
Apricots Full Bloom	57	47	79	75

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending April 13, 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	4	9	43	33	11
Winter Wheat	5	18	12	51	14

Livestock Percent for Week Ending April 13, 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	76	68	81	79
Ewes Lambed on Farm	78	66	81	81
Ewes Lambed on Range	21	15	42	40

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 13, 2008

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	10	87	3
Subsoil	0	4	95	1
Stock water supplies	0	1	99	0