



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Cold weather continues to prevail throughout Utah. High winds and little moisture are drying-out the soil for crops and rangeland. Days suitable for work were 6.2. Livestock conditions continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Most, if not all the counties within Utah reported unusually cold temperatures accompanied by high winds which has slow down crop progress this spring. Box Elder experienced a storm last week which brought about a quarter inch of precipitation in some parts of the county. The precipitation was followed by a lot of wind which evaporated it rapidly. Wheat growth is several weeks behind normal. Wheat in the dry land areas is very small and there is much concern about the yield potential unless we get some substantial rains in the next few weeks. Producers are busy planting safflower and some corn. There have been some reports of frost damage to blooming and budding fruit trees in the Perry - Brigham City area. The apricot crop has been seriously damaged by frost with temperatures dipping into the mid teens and low 20s. Cache County reports that farmers have been working hard getting small grains planted. Air and soil temperatures are very cold which has resulted in limited germination at this point. Persistent winds have also dried out soils. Some farmers still have been unable to work their fields because of late melting snow. Alfalfa progress has slowed because of then cooler temperatures. Utah County reports that apples, tart cherries, peaches, pears are about 10 to 14 days late due to colder than normal spring. There are producers reporting 50 to 90 percent loss on sweet cherries due to frost in areas of Utah County. Most crops have been late due to colder temps. Summit County reports that wet weather has kept farmers from doing much field work. Iron County reports that this spring has been dry, cold and windy. Crops and ranges are at least 2 weeks behind normal. Emery County reports that windy conditions this past week continue to dry out the top soil within the county.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports livestock producers are branding calves and lambing ewes on range herds. There is still much concern with livestock producers about falling prices and high feed costs. Duchesne-Daggett counties report that pastures are slow in greening-up. Some producers are still looking for hay to feed their livestock until the grass starts to grow.

Crop Progress for Week Ending April 27, 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	75	61	87	75
Barley Emerged	31	16	60	43
Oats Planted	52	46	63	61
Oats Emerged	15	9	27	24
Spring Wheat Planted	82	65	94	81
Spring Wheat Emerged	44	20	69	48
Corn Planted	7	1	21	11
Apple Full Bloom	70	55	86	89
Apricots Full Bloom	70	67	100	98
Peach Full Bloom	13	2	100	96
Pears Full Bloom	75	65	85	94
Sweet Cherries Full Bloom	77	57	99	93
Tart Cherries Full Bloom	81	75	98	92

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending April 27, 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	3	14	43	34	6
Winter Wheat	5	13	31	36	15

Livestock Percent for Week Ending April 27, 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	89	82	92	90
Ewes Lambd on Farm	88	79	93	92
Ewes Lambd on Range	37	34	52	57

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 27, 2008

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	5	23	69	3
Subsoil	0	19	81	0
Stock water supplies	0	4	96	0