



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Recent rains have aided crop progress and improved pastures and rangeland. Days suitable for work were 5.1. Livestock is being moved to summer ranges.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports about 1/4 in of rainfall this past week. Farmers continued to irrigate crops and spray for weeds. Crop progress continues to be slow this year. Some alfalfa growers have stated that they will get one cutting less this year than last year due to the cool, dry spring. Black grass bugs seem to be getting worse in several parts of the county with the Howell area the worst and the Plymouth - Fielding area right behind. Corn has emerged around the Bear River valley and generally looks good. Cache County reports that timely spring rains have been good for the grain crops but corn and alfalfa crop progress are still behind. Tooele County reports the alfalfa harvest is still about two weeks away. Corn planting is nearly complete. The rain this week has been very beneficial in germinating corn and replenishing the topsoil which was very dry. Sevier County reports cooler weather has slowed the alfalfa crop and cutting will be delayed approximately two weeks. Morgan County reports that grain planting is complete and corn planting is nearly done.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports livestock producers are turning cattle out to the summer ranges but there is not much forage yet due to the cold spring weather. Summit County reports livestock producers starting to move livestock to summer ranges. Range forage is about two or three weeks behind normal growth. Spring runoff has flooded some parts of the south Summit area. Wayne County reports having snow this past week. Spring range is 2 weeks behind normal green up. Ranchers within the county are counting on every bale of hay that they have. Ranchers are hoping the grass will green up before they run out of hay. Some ranchers feel it would be next to impossible to find hay to buy.

Crop Progress for Week Ending May 25, 2008

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Emerged	91	80	99	89
Oats Planted	90	88	94	93
Oats Emerged	56	49	77	75
Corn Planted	81	67	86	81
Apple Full Bloom	89	83	100	100
Pears Full Bloom	89	83	100	100

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending May 25, 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	5	20	38	26	11

Livestock Percent for Week Ending May 25, 2008

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sheep Moved to Summer Range	37	20	55	39
Cattle Moved to Summer Range	33	19	42	38
Sheep Sheared on Farm	89	87	95	98
Sheep Sheared on Range	85	83	86	91
Ewes Lambled on Range	95	92	88	90

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 25, 2008

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	5	19	74	2
Subsoil	2	23	75	0
Stock water supplies	0	6	94	0