



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Farmers received a mixture of warm weather and scattered rain showers this week. Days suitable for field work was 5.9. Crops continue to progress around the state with a few concerns about crop stress due to the dry weather.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reported some rain showers at the first of the week. Marble sized hail was also reported which caused some crop damage. Some farmers are harvesting their hay in the Corinne area. A local dairy producer is chopping his hay for silage. More hay cutting is expected in the next two weeks. Producers are busy irrigating fields and spraying weeds. Crop progress includes some fall wheat nearing the headed stage. Corn is about 2 to 5 inches tall. Generally all of the corn looks good. Onions have struggled with the dry spring. Some onions in the Thatcher area were hit by hail and destroyed on May 7th. Cache County reports small grains, pastures and grass hay fields look good. The Black Grass Bug and the Cereal Leaf Beatle continue to cause damage in some areas of the county. Corn is mostly planted and emerging nicely. Few farmers report alfalfa weevil, but, they anticipate more damage with warmer weather. Hay cutting will likely start within the next week to ten days. Most farmers are busy with irrigation, spraying for weeds and preparing equipment for the hay harvest. Weber County reports crops are in good condition. Alfalfa weevil numbers have been building within the county. Utah County reports first cutting of hay is about 10 days to 14 days behind due to cooler weather. The cherry crops were hurt early by frost but the other fruit crops are reported to be in good shape. Beaver County reports alfalfa is finally starting to grow but is still 2-3 weeks behind. Farmers have reported some grass hopper problems in the area. Iron County reports cold temperatures continue to delay alfalfa and range growth. Irrigated grain continues to look very good. Many alfalfa growers have sprayed for alfalfa weevil. Farmers have also seen large populations of Say's Stink bug and Clover mites in the area. Sevier reports cooler weather continues to keep spring runoff well below normal levels.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports livestock producers are moving cattle and sheep to summer ranges. Grass is behind this year due to the cold spring and dry weather. USDA announced the availability of Conservation Reserve Program Acreage after the nesting season ends (July 15th to November 10th). This may help some producers, with the price of feed being so high. The Black Grass Bug continues to be a problem in some areas of the county. Beaver County reports livestock looking good, but they are not able to turn livestock on to BLM and Forest Service ground as early as usual.

Crop Progress for Week Ending June 1, 2008

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Dry Beans Planted	18	5	41	31
Barley Emerged	93	91	100	93
Oats Planted	93	90	99	97
Oats Emerged	71	56	89	85
Winter Wheat Head Stage	19	1	54	40
Corn Planted	94	81	95	91
Alfalfa First Cutting	6	NA	43	36
Pears Full Bloom	92	89	100	0

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending June 1, 2008

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	5	16	27	36	16
Sheep	0	1	14	85	0
Cattle/calves	0	5	26	67	2

Livestock Percent for Week Ending June 1, 2008

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Sheep Moved to Summer Range	50	37	63	53
Cattle Moved to Summer Range	45	33	51	52
Sheep Sheared on Farm	97	89	100	100
Sheep Sheared on Range	97	85	97	96
Ewes Lambded on Range	100	95	97	96

Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 1, 2008

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	6	24	69	1
Subsoil	2	15	83	0
Stock water supplies	0	4	96	0