



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

This week some counties experienced warmer temperatures while other counties are still waiting for summer to arrive. Days suitable for field work were 6.5. Crops will benefit greatly once the warmer temperatures remain consistent. Livestock continues to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Wayne County reports heavy frost on June 12th and 13th with temperatures of 26 and 28 degrees. There was some damage to new alfalfa seedlings and alfalfa is about 14 days behind. Box Elder reports isolated frost Monday night in some areas of the county. Producers are busy cutting and baling 1st crop hay. This is 3 to 4 weeks later than normal due to the cold spring. Corn has struggled to grow with many fields having a yellow color. Corn height is 1 foot short than a year ago at this time. Fall wheat is heading out and most of the irrigated wheat looks very good in the Bear River Valley. Wheat on dry land farms varies from good to poor. Spring grains have benefited from the cool weather and have stood out well. Utah County reports producers are getting first crop alfalfa up 10 to 14 days late. Grain crops and corn look really good. Winter wheat is not looking as good due to a shortage of rain early in the year. Fruit crops are looking good except cherries. Carbon County reports strong cold winds and cool temperatures have delayed the first cutting of alfalfa by 1-2 weeks. Frost on June 8 nipped some crops. Emery County reports most of the first crop hay does not look well. Beaver County reports they are finally starting to cut first crop hay. The alfalfa is still growing slow because of the cold temperatures. Grain crops continue to do well within the county.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports the rain showers that have occurred within the county the last two weeks have helped the rangeland. Rangeland that is dominated by annual grasses or has had livestock on it this spring is in poor condition. Livestock producers are just about finished moving their livestock to summer ranges. Most of them report good to excellent conditions in the mountains but need some warm weather to stimulate growth on mountain rangeland. Utah County reports producers are moving their livestock to summer ranges. Duchesne County reports the Upalco pastures are infested with grasshoppers. Producers will be organizing and working on getting them sprayed. Other parts of the county have seen a few grasshoppers but not in big numbers. Beaver County reports that the recent storms have helped range and pasturelands.

Crop Progress for Week Ending June 15, 2008

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Dry Beans Planted	89	53	95	83
Spring Wheat Headed	28	NA	46	33
Winter Wheat Head Stage	70	35	90	82
Alfalfa First Cutting	42	11	82	75
Other Hay Cut	22	6	43	32

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending June 15, 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	2	15	31	40	12
Sheep	0	0	12	87	1
Cattle/calves	0	2	18	78	2

Livestock Percent for Week Ending June 15, 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	75	62	88	79
Cattle Moved to Summer Range	78	62	81	78

Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 15, 2008

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	2	25	72	1
Subsoil	2	21	77	0
Stock water supplies	0	13	87	0