



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

The cold weather continues to prevail in parts of Utah. High winds and little moisture are drying-out the soil for crops and rangeland. Days suitable for work were 4.5 days. Livestock conditions continue to do well

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports scattered showers hit portions of the county during the week but winds blew hard in the west part of the county. Producers are still hoping for some warmer weather and spring rains to make the crops and grass grow. Farmers continued planting spring wheat, spring barley, and oats and have begun planting spring wheat and safflower this week. Fruit tree blossom should start this week with apricots and early peaches the first trees to bloom. The spring planting season has been somewhat delayed due to wet and cool conditions. Onion producers are halfway done with plantings. Duchesne County reports recent mountain storms have helped with the shortage of irrigation water in county. Beaver County reports the weather is very cold, dry and windy. The cold weather is slowing down the spring green up and making the ground very dry.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports cattle producers are beginning to brand and vaccinate calves. Most calves look to be in good condition. Sheep producers are beginning to lamb ewes on the range herds. Most producers have sheared the sheep in the last two weeks. Farm flocks have almost finished lambing.

Crop Progress for Week Ending April 12, 2009

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Planted	40	25	54	48
Oats Planted	21	18	27	29
Spring Wheat Planted	38	7	50	51

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending April 12, 2009

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter Wheat	1	5	24	53	17
Sheep	0	1	15	83	1
Cattle/calves	0	2	18	72	8

Livestock Percent for Week Ending April 12, 2009

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cows Calved	74	64	75	78
Sheep Sheared on Farm	54	47	NA	NA
Sheep Sheared on Range	33	19	NA	NA
Ewes Lambled on Farm	72	62	76	79
Ewes Lambled on Range	21	13	20	34

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 12, 2009

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Subsoil	1	24	65	10