



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

The days suitable for work were 4.75 days. Utah experienced very nice weather at the first of the week with above average temperatures and sunny skies. The latter part of the week brought cooler temperatures with light rains.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports producers planting spring grains, and some safflower. Many farmers are also preparing for corn planting. Dry farm winter wheat in higher regions is growing slow and not responding well because of the cooler temperatures. Farmers are also fertilizing and spraying for weeds and pests. Peach and apricot crops are doing well. Frost damage has been minimal due to relatively warmer temperatures this week. Onions are mostly planted, as are most spring small grains. Growers also reported black grass bugs affecting mostly rangeland. Burnt and heavily grazed areas are not showing the infestations that occur on unmanaged areas. Sanpete County reports fruit trees were blooming this past week due to warm temperatures, however, snow, rain and freezing temps were reported the last two days. Spring fieldwork continues in Summit County. Some operators were spraying weeds. Last week's warm weather and moisture have made pasture and alfalfa fields green up. Cache County reports two days for doing fieldwork last week. Rain and snow were reported and the cooler temperatures hindered the growth of alfalfa hay. Grasses that have been fertilized are growing well but many growers are getting discouraged with their inability to plant. Some farmers are looking to plant shorter season corn varieties for silage. Beaver County reports warm weather has alfalfa and pastures really greening up nice. Irrigation is under way in Duchesne county, and farmers remain concerned over irrigation water supplies. Windy wet weather limited fieldwork this past week in Emery County, but moisture received continues to help with irrigation water outlook. Iron county growers reported large numbers of army cutworms. Thus far, it appears they have mostly impacted weeds. Tooele County has estimated less than 1 grasshopper per square yard this season. Weber County reports wheat and barley, planted late last fall, shows significant winterkill. However, crops planted earlier look pretty good. Morgan County reports the ground is still too wet to till in many areas.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County livestock producers reported that cattle and calves are doing well. Sheep producers are lambing range flocks and no reports of any problems. Utah County reports livestock conditions are good, pasture and range conditions are looking very good due to the moisture. Duchesne County reports the cattlemen have had good success with calving this year. Range flocks have just started lambing but most farm flocks have completed lambing.

Summit County reports lambing and shearing continues. Beaver County reports some losses to scours in the last 2 weeks among new calves. Morgan County reports pastures are growing strong, but are about 10 days behind normal.

Crop Progress for Week Ending April 26, 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	60	41	73	69
Oats Planted	49	26	51	56
Oats Emerged	10	5	14	18
Spring Wheat Planted	71	48	80	76
Apple Full Bloom	5	NA	68	82
Apricots Full Bloom	86	62	70	92
Peach Full Bloom	48	15	11	78
Sweet Cherries Full Bloom	30	5	74	86

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending April 26, 2009

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	0	10	43	44	3
Winter Wheat	1	10	34	40	15
Sheep	0	1	18	79	2
Cattle/calves	0	1	18	72	9

Livestock Percent for Week Ending April 26, 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	86	79	88	89
Sheep Sheared on Farm	72	61	NA	NA
Sheep Sheared on Range	49	49	NA	NA
Ewes Lambled on Farm	88	83	87	90
Ewes Lambled on Range	38	26	37	49

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 26, 2009

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	10	71	19
Subsoil	0	21	67	12
Irrigation water supplies	0	12	85	3
Stock water supplies	1	5	91	3