



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Crop progress within the state continues to do well. Days suitable for work were 6.3. The Black Grass Bug has been spotted in some areas, but no reports of major damage at this time. Livestock continues to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports temperatures for the week ranged between 38 degrees and 90 degrees in Corinne and Tremonton areas. Temperatures dropped to 34 degrees in Snowville on the 17th. Some rainfall was reported in some areas. This storm caught some hay in the windrows but for the most part was welcomed. Crops continue to progress well. First cutting of alfalfa hay is underway but producers had to make a decision to cut first crop or irrigate it. Farmers continue to plant new alfalfa and corn. Corn is emerging rapidly in the Bear River Valley and some small grain for hay was also cut and baled this week. Some farmers in the area are irrigating fall grain and alfalfa for the first time this week. Scattered thunderstorms hit the east part of the county on Saturday and Sunday. Small hail mixed with the rain in some areas, fortunately, there were no reports of damage. A major effort to spray for black grass bugs has been underway in the Blue Creek, Howell, and Promontory areas the past two weeks. Producers report good success on the bugs, and they also stated that the grass is beginning to bounce back as the bug pressure is reduced. **Cache County** received rainfall this weekend, with most parts of the county receiving at least one inch or more. The moisture will prove to be very helpful to winter wheat, fall barley, new seedlings of small grains and safflower. The corn crop within the county was completed and new alfalfa has been seed in recent days. If weather conditions permit, many growers will start harvesting the first cutting of alfalfa hay within the next week or two. Cache County has also experienced some outbreaks of black grass bugs in portions of the county. **Morgan County** reports farmers are planting corn and irrigating. **Tooele County** reports farmers are planning to spray for grasshoppers between Tooele and Erda. **Weber County** reports corn planting is finishing up and 1st crop alfalfa harvest has begun. **Juab County** reports Black Grass Bugs are starting to cause damage to rangeland grasses. As a result, producers are making plans to begin spraying programs. **Uintah County** reports canal repairs in the White Rocks Canal are nearly complete but high water is almost over too, so farmers who receive irrigation rations expect a very short irrigation season in the Tridell-Lapoint area. Farmers in Neola area are reporting large numbers of grasshoppers hatching. **Beaver County** reports alfalfa looks good in most areas and farmers will start first cuttings next week. Farmers in the area have begun seeing some major infestations of grasshoppers. **Duchesne County** reports corn planting is just finishing and small grains look well this year. Producers anticipate cutting hay in the next 2-3 weeks.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending May 24, 2009**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oats Planted	87	82	91
Oats Emerged	64	49	67
Winter Wheat Head Stage	15	10	17
Corn Planted	86	57	77

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending May 24, 2009**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	1	14	84	1
Subsoil	1	27	71	1
Irrigation water supplies	0	10	90	0
Stock water supplies	1	9	90	0

Livestock Summary

Livestock continue to do well and are beginning to be moved to the summer pastures. Most producers report that the summer pastures look to be in good shape. **Cache County** reports ranchers have been busy vaccinating, branding and dehorning beef calves. Local shears are also quite busy shearing sheep on farm flocks. No problems with flies or mosquitoes have been reported at this time. **Duchesne County** reports producers are branding calves and making preparations for taking cattle to the mountain. Summer grazing looks very promising in most places while grasshoppers were starting to be spotted in many area of the county early last week. Farmers hope the rain received has slowed down the hatch, but grasshoppers are still expected to be heavy this year.

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending May 24, 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	3	6	37	47	7
Winter Wheat	1	4	32	46	17
Sheep	0	2	10	76	12
Cattle/calves	0	1	13	71	15

**Livestock Percent
for Week Ending May 24, 2009**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sheep Moved to Summer Range	32	24	39
Sheep Sheared on Farm	88	65	88