



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

The state of Utah continues to receive stormy weather and cooler than normal temperatures. The days suitable for work were 5.7 days. Livestock around the state continues to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports farmers continued to irrigate crops, plant corn and new alfalfa and cut hay. Some hay is getting rained on but first cutting seems to be about normal. Winter wheat is now starting to head and fall barley is also in the head. Temperatures in Box Elder County mostly ranged from the 40's to the 80's with temperatures dropping to the mid 30's in Snowville during the week. Precipitation for the week ranged between 0.35 inches in the Tremonton area and 0.87 inches in the Snowville area. Recent rains in western Box Elder County have significantly improved the yield outlook for dry land winter wheat. Corn has been planted and has been seen up to 3 inches high. **Utah County** first crop hay is being cut; producers report a lot of foxtail in areas of the county. Winter wheat producers report their crop is in excellent condition. **Morgan County** reports corn planting is going well. **Weber County reports** most of 1st crop alfalfa has been cut and will be baled in the next few days. **Duchesne reports** areas of heavy grasshopper infestation. **Beaver County** crops are doing well. Grasshoppers are infesting a lot of range and alfalfa fields, but farmers are spraying to control the infestations. **Juab County reports** most producers are done spraying for black grass bugs. Grasshoppers are showing up in large numbers throughout the county. Producers are starting to spray to control them. **Summit:** Farmers continue to plant alfalfa and some late small grain crops. Some light frost is still a concern to farmers who planted alfalfa during the past two weeks. Some weed spraying is taking place on small grains. Irrigation water supply looks good for the season. **Uintah County:** Grasshoppers are emerging in plague proportions from Neola/White rocks to Randlett; producers seem to be finding large numbers in new areas. Alfalfa cutting will begin soon. **Iron County** reports the alfalfa crop looks good, however Alfalfa Weevil populations have exploded in some fields during the past week. Some growers are starting to cut first crop. Rainfall over the weekend greatly improved range conditions and soil moisture. **Cache County** reports black grass bugs and young grasshoppers are prevalent in many areas, however, no major damage has been reported yet. Crops are responding well to scattered rain showers and cooler weather. Small grains are doing well and corn is emerging. Some alfalfa hay has been cut, but most growers are waiting for the weather to stabilize before seriously beginning the harvest. Farmers anticipate alfalfa weevil and cereal leaf beetle infestations to be showing soon. **Tooele County** reports farmers will begin spraying for grasshoppers next week. **Wayne County reports** the unexpected rains have been helpful. Thunderstorms were spotty in nature but where it rained, the relief was needed. There was about 1/3 to 1/2 inch of rainfall within the county. **Garfield and Kane counties** report many areas had a spotty monsoon type thunderstorm, which was much needed for grass, and forage production; so far, it has been a dry moderate spring.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending May 31, 2009**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oats Planted	94	87	93	95
Oats Emerged	77	64	69	79
Winter Wheat Head Stage	32	15	18	32
Corn Planted	89	86	92	90

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending May 31, 2009**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	2	25	72	1
Subsoil	3	25	71	1
Irrigation water supplies	5	9	86	0
Stock water supplies	0	12	88	0

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County cattle producers have been moving their animals to summer ranges this past week. Reports on summer ranges are good. There is still some concern about dry conditions in the western part of the county. Most producers report that conditions are better than last year. **Duchesne County** reports cattle are in good shape. Producers are getting cattle ready to go to the mountain. **Summit County** reports livestock starting to be moved to summer ranges. Range sheep operators indicated a good lambing season, but predators have reduced their lamb crop. **Wayne County** reports spring ranges seem to have improved and summer ranges should now be ready for cattle.

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending May 31, 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	1	3	30	60	6
Winter Wheat	0	7	29	49	15
Sheep	0	1	9	79	11
Cattle/calves	0	1	13	78	8

**Livestock Percent
for Week Ending May 31, 2009**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle Moved to Summer Range	49	31	43	48
Sheep Moved to Summer Range	49	32	47	47
Ewes Lambed on Range	92	88	87	95