



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.50. The State of Utah saw windy, cold, and wet conditions across sections of the state last week. Soil moisture content increased slightly from the previous week in some regions.

## Field Crops Summary

**Box Elder and Cache Counties** reported that field work continued with a couple of storms during the week which interrupted spring crop planting efforts. Producers continue to plant spring wheat, barley, and oats. Temperatures have been colder than normal and it has been very windy throughout the week. Some fields are being fertilized. Producers are getting ready to begin planting corn and safflower as soon as the temperatures warm the soil enough to allow for proper germination. **Cache County** producers were grateful for the wet storms that came during the past week. Many growers were able to get some spring wheat and barley planted before the storms. Temperatures have been cool enough to slow crop growth; most pastures, and alfalfa fields are just breaking dormancy. Many are finding that meadow vole damage is even worse than originally estimated. There are potential problems with grasshoppers later in the season. Many **Duchesne County** farmers were able to plant crops this last week because temperatures have increased; however, soil moisture is very low. Farmers have been hoping for moisture from the recent storms but have not yet received any. **Utah County** fruit growers are concerned about frost on fruit trees. Field work is well underway for spring planting.

## Livestock Summary

**Box Elder County** livestock producers may have suffered some losses of calves and lambs during the recent snow storms. Most range flocks are now sheared. Producers are getting ready for lambing to begin in the next couple of weeks. **Cache County** livestock are in good condition. Calving and lambing is continuing in many locations across the county. **Juab, Beaver, and Utah Counties** cattle and sheep are currently in good condition. **Duchesne County** reported that calving and lambing are continuing at good paces. **Emery County** reported that cattle and sheep are mostly in fair condition due to the heavy snow and cold temperatures experienced throughout the winter months. Calving is winding down as lambing is getting underway. **Uintah County** reported that producers have experienced some lamb and calf losses due to the cold weather this past week. **Iron County** calving has gone well with few problems. Some farm flock lamb producers have had issues with lambing due to the unseasonably cold temperatures.

Crop Progress  
for Week Ending April 11, 2010

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Planted	44	28	38	40
Oats Planted	24	20	21	25
Spring Wheat Planted	35	23	34	41

Crop & Livestock Condition  
for Week Ending April 11, 2010

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	12	29	57	1
Winter Wheat	1	8	31	58	2
Sheep	0	2	20	63	15
Cattle/calves	1	2	18	66	13

Livestock Percent  
for Week Ending April 11, 2010

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cows Calved	71	65	73	76
Sheep Sheared on Farm	41	40	53	NA
Sheep Sheared on Range	29	19	31	NA
Ewes Lambled on Farm	66	53	71	78
Ewes Lambled on Range	23	21	20	31

Soil Moisture  
for Week Ending April 11, 2010

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	3	15	72	10
Subsoil	6	20	73	1

## Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - April 12, 2010

Site name	County	Precip to Date*	Weekly Precip	Avg Air Temp	Soil Moisture					Soil Temperature				
					2"	4"	8"	20"	40"	2"	4"	8"	20"	40"
		<i>in.</i>	<i>in.</i>	<i>° F</i>	<i>volume %</i>					<i>° F</i>				
<b>WESTERN</b>														
Grouse Creek <sup>na</sup>	<i>Box Elder</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Park Valley	<i>Box Elder</i>	<u>1.5</u>	0.01	49	14	16	27	30	27	44	44	45	43	43
Goshute	<i>Tooele</i>	<u>1.3</u>	0.01	56	19	38	37	33	32	46	47	47	42	41
Dugway	<i>Tooele</i>	3.2	0.10	60	31	37	41	40	12	51	52	50	46	46
Tule Valley	<i>Millard</i>	<u>0.9</u>	0.01	64	18	19	25	24	7	56	59	59	54	49
Hal's Canyon	<i>Millard</i>	<u>0.3</u>	0.06	56	1	10	14	7	8	47	52	55	49	47
Enterprise	<i>Washington</i>	7.1	0.14	56	16	41	37	25	15	49	50	48	46	45
<b>DIXIE</b>														
Sand Hollow	<i>Washington</i>	<u>5.2</u>	0.09	66	0	2	3	5	4	59	65	66	62	59
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>														
Blue Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	4.0	0.12	53	32	33	40	36	24	44	44	43	41	40
Cache Junction	<i>Cache</i>	5.8	0.42	51	38	37	40	40	27	46	46	43	41	41
Grantsville	<i>Tooele</i>	4.5	0.18	62	14	6	27	24	22	51	51	50	47	48
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>														
Nephi	<i>Juab</i>	4.6	0.13	55	20	24	24	13	0	48	47	47	45	44
Ephraim	<i>Sanpete</i>	3.0	0.08	53	10	18	27	26	29	45	47	47	43	43
Holden	<i>Millard</i>	3.9	0.05	55	9	10	9	16	12	49	51	50	47	47
Milford	<i>Beaver</i>	5.8	0.25	57	28	36	36	45	15	49	49	47	44	44
Manderfield <sup>na</sup>	<i>Beaver</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Circleville	<i>Piute</i>	2.7	0.05	54	23	16	27	20	24	50	50	48	43	42
Panguitch	<i>Garfield</i>	<u>2.0</u>	0.04	48	19	35	30	35	27	43	45	43	42	41
Cave Valley <sup>na</sup>	<i>Washington</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermillion <sup>na</sup>	<i>Kane</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spooky <sup>na</sup>	<i>Kane</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>NORTHERN MOUNTAINS</b>														
Chicken Ridge	<i>Morgan</i>	4.6	0.74	44	26	19	27	22	31	32	32	33	33	33
Buffalo Jump	<i>Rich</i>	4.6	0.74	45	20	25	24	13	-	39	40	39	37	-
Morgan	<i>Morgan</i>	7.2	0.64	51	23	27	29	17	7	42	42	42	40	38
<b>UINTAH BASIN</b>														
Mountain Home	<i>Duchesne</i>	3.2	0.01	48	28	36	40	33	15	43	44	43	41	41
Little Red Fox	<i>Duchesne</i>	<u>0.9</u>	0.00	51	2	36	47	32	44	46	51	50	46	43
Split Mountain	<i>Uintah</i>	<u>0.9</u>	0.13	55	8	27	24	17	10	49	52	53	48	44
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>														
Price	<i>Carbon</i>	3.3	0.00	52	4	21	28	14	17	49	51	52	48	46
Green River	<i>Emery</i>	3.8	0.00	59	10	12	15	13	10	58	60	61	57	52
Harm's Way	<i>San Juan</i>	<u>1.7</u>	0.00	52	21	9	33	32	20	48	46	48	42	40
West Summit	<i>San Juan</i>	3.4	0.00	51	26	30	33	30	37	44	44	44	39	38
Eastland	<i>San Juan</i>	4.4	0.00	52	28	26	26	33	37	41	42	43	37	37
Alkali Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	7.0	0.00	54	24	26	32	35	34	47	47	47	43	40
McCracken Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	5.3	0.00	58	18	27	26	27	23	55	56	56	50	49

\*since October 1, 2009 unless underlined (Park Valley 1/14/10; Goshute 3/1/10; Tule Valley 3/8/10; Hal's Canyon 3/9/10; Sand Hollow 1/27/10; Panguitch 1/25/10; Little Red Fox 1/20/10; Split Mountain 1/19/10; Harm's Way 3/3/10).

<sup>na</sup> site installation incomplete - expected by May 2010

SCAN site locations and hourly data including wind speed, wind direction, relative humidity, barometric pressure, solar radiation, etc. are available at <http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/scan/Utah/utah.html>