



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for fieldwork were 6. The State of Utah experienced snow storms and mild spring weather over the past week. Soil moisture content saw a decline from the previous week. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short 22 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder and Cache Counties reported that a storm at the first of the week slowed field work. Farmers have been busy planting spring grains, and were gearing up to start planting corn. Most of the alfalfa in the Bear River Valley has come out of dormancy and some producers have been harrowing fields as a method to control some of the weeds. Dry land producers will start to plant their safflower crop this week. A storm is expected on Tuesday and area producers are looking for some much needed moisture in Box Elder County. A major concern this year is the rising prices on fertilizer and farm diesel. **Weber County** reported that pastures are improving rapidly with the warming weather. **Millard County** reported that spring planting is well underway. **Sevier County** farmers have begun to irrigate. Fruit and alfalfa crops remain two weeks behind average. **Utah County** crop planting is well under way. Fruit producers are optimistic about this year's crop. Some fruit trees are starting to bloom. Water conditions are improving. **Duchesne County** producers have been able to plant some grain; they are concerned about soil moisture. **Summit County** temperatures have begun to increase. Farmers are spraying alfalfa fields for weeds. A few fields are starting to dry out enough for limited spring tillage.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder reported that the calving season is nearing completion. Livestock producers are now in the process of branding, vaccinating, and doctoring calves. Some producers will be able to turn cattle out onto BLM allotments on May 1st. Sheep producers are finished shearing and are just beginning to lamb range herds. The price of wool has strengthened and sheep producers are arranging to market wool. Fat lambs continue to be the main source of income for Box Elder County sheep producers. **Cache County** The weather this week has been near ideal for cattle and sheep. Dairy producers continue to struggle, as milk prices have not increased as much as earlier anticipated. **Utah County** Livestock conditions are good at this time, with calving and Lambing on the farm winding up. Range sheep herds will start lambing very soon. **Carbon County** reported that Calving season is winding down, and lambing season is in full swing. **Duchesne County** reported that grass is starting to grow and producers have started to move livestock to spring pastures, reducing the amount of feeding necessary. Producers are concerned about low soil moisture. **Summit County** reported that calving, lambing, and shearing are still underway. Some producers have reported calves halving scours.

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending April 18, 2010**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	2	22	75	1
Subsoil	6	23	71	0

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending April 18, 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	0	11	40	48	1
Winter Wheat	1	7	40	42	10
Sheep	0	2	17	67	14
Cattle/calves	1	7	40	42	10

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending April 18, 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	70	44	41	49
Barley Emerged	32	NA	NA	NA
Oats Planted	40	24	25	35
Oats Emerged	10	6	5	NA
Spring Wheat Planted	55	35	47	56
Spring Wheat Emerged	22	NA	NA	NA
Corn Planted	10	7	NA	NA
Apple Full Bloom	6	NA	NA	NA
Apricots Full Bloom	55	NA	NA	NA
Peach Full Bloom	8	NA	NA	NA
Sweet Cherries Full Bloom	7	NA	NA	NA
Tart Cherries Full Bloom	7	NA	NA	NA

**Livestock Percent
for Week Ending April 18, 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	78	71	78	83
Sheep Sheared on Farm	54	41	60	NA
Sheep Sheared on Range	49	29	47	NA
Ewes Lambled on Farm	76	66	81	84
Ewes Lambled on Range	40	23	25	37

Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - April 19, 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>				
WESTERN														
Grouse Creek ^{na}	<i>Box Elder</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Park Valley	<i>Box Elder</i>	<u>1.5</u>	0.00	55	12	13	25	26	26	47	50	53	48	45
Goshute	<i>Tooele</i>	<u>1.3</u>	0.00	54	16	31	39	40	34	47	51	54	47	44
Dugway	<i>Tooele</i>	3.3	0.09	60	31	33	41	41	14	58	60	58	51	49
Tule Valley	<i>Millard</i>	<u>1.0</u>	0.08	62	16	17	26	21	7	58	64	66	60	54
Hal's Canyon	<i>Millard</i>	<u>0.4</u>	0.04	57	1	9	13	7	8	54	59	62	52	49
Enterprise	<i>Washington</i>	7.3	0.25	52	13	40	36	25	15	53	55	53	49	46
DIXIE														
Sand Hollow	<i>Washington</i>	<u>5.2</u>	0.07	66	0	0	3	5	5	54	67	69	65	62
NORTH CENTRAL														
Blue Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	4.0	0.05	55	29	33	40	36	24	53	54	52	46	42
Cache Junction	<i>Cache</i>	5.8	0.05	53	35	36	40	40	27	52	53	49	45	43
Grantsville	<i>Tooele</i>	4.6	0.12	58	12	6	26	26	22	56	59	57	50	49
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Nephi	<i>Juab</i>	4.9	0.30	56	16	20	20	12	0	53	53	52	48	46
Ephraim	<i>Sanpete</i>	3.1	0.06	52	7	15	25	25	30	46	52	51	46	44
Holden	<i>Millard</i>	4.0	0.17	57	7	8	7	16	12	54	56	55	51	49
Milford	<i>Beaver</i>	6.0	0.24	55	27	35	36	43	15	56	56	52	47	46
Manderfield ^{na}	<i>Beaver</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Circleville	<i>Piute</i>	2.7	0.00	51	23	16	27	20	24	54	55	55	47	44
Panguitch	<i>Garfield</i>	<u>2.1</u>	0.08	45	17	35	29	36	27	46	50	47	44	42
Cave Valley ^{na}	<i>Washington</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vermillion ^{na}	<i>Kane</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spooky ^{na}	<i>Kane</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS														
Chicken Ridge	<i>Morgan</i>	4.8	0.25	44	23	22	25	30	29	34	34	33	34	46
Buffalo Jump	<i>Rich</i>	4.8	0.17	49	16	23	22	16	-	47	49	48	42	-
Morgan	<i>Morgan</i>	8.0	0.71	53	21	26	28	16	7	50	50	50	46	43
UINTAH BASIN														
Mountain Home	<i>Duchesne</i>	3.2	0.00	50	26	34	38	33	18	47	48	47	44	44
Little Red Fox	<i>Duchesne</i>	<u>0.9</u>	0.00	55	1	35	53	23	26	52	57	56	50	46
Split Mountain	<i>Uintah</i>	<u>0.9</u>	0.00	56	6	26	23	17	10	55	59	60	53	47
SOUTHEAST														
Price	<i>Carbon</i>	3.3	0.00	56	1	20	28	15	17	56	58	58	53	49
Green River	<i>Emery</i>	3.8	0.01	60	8	11	13	12	10	63	65	67	62	56
Harm's Way	<i>San Juan</i>	<u>1.7</u>	0.00	54	21	4	33	32	19	54	52	53	48	43
West Summit	<i>San Juan</i>	3.4	0.00	53	24	28	30	29	35	47	48	49	44	42
Eastland	<i>San Juan</i>	4.4	0.00	54	23	23	24	33	36	49	51	51	44	41
Alkali Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	7.0	0.04	58	22	23	30	34	31	51	51	52	47	43
McCracken Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	5.3	0.00	60	12	25	25	26	23	58	61	61	54	51

*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).

^{na} 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>