



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for fieldwork were 5. The State of Utah saw a variety of weather this past week. Some regions of the state received snow and rain; while other areas were faced with thunderstorms and hail. There were also a couple sunny days thrown into the mix. Soil moisture content increased from the previous week.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder, Utah, and Cache County farmers started the week with intentions of planting corn and safflower; however, a storm hit the area and slowed field work progress. Some corn was planted at the first of the week while other producers opted to plant after the rain. The storm brought some hail to the Perry, Brigham, and East Garland areas. Damage may have occurred to the apricots which were in full bloom in the Perry area. Onion producers reported that most of the crops have germinated and emerged, and are in good condition. The majority of wheat, barley, and oats are planted. Alfalfa hay is also being seeded on many farms. Meadow voles and Canadian Geese continue to be problems. **Morgan County** reported no crop concerns this week. **Davis County** farmers are planting onion transplants. **Millard County** reported that cool weather is affecting crop growth. **Carbon County** alfalfa fields are greening up nicely. **Emery County** reported that wind is their greatest concern. Windy conditions continue to dry out topsoil. **Summit County** reported that the cool and wet weather has been delaying spring tillage and planting.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder livestock producers continued to brand, vaccinate, and doctor calves in preparation for turning them out onto summer pastures. Most livestock producers reported good calving success. Cattle prices have strengthened. Ranchers reported range and pastures grasses growing behind schedule. Some ranchers reported that supplies of alfalfa are running short. Sheep producers have completed shearing range flocks and are now beginning to lamb. The cool wet weather has caused some concern for lambing. **Cache County** cattle and sheep remain in good condition. Cattle producers are very happy with the prices they are being paid for feeder cattle, and cull cattle. **Utah County** livestock conditions are good; producers have reported few losses this year during calving season. **Carbon County** Lambing season is near completion. **Emery County** reported that calving and lambing are progressing very well with few problems occurring over the past week. **Beaver County** producers are getting cattle and sheep ready to put out on range and pasture for the summer.

Soil Moisture
for Week Ending April 25, 2010

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	0	19	77	4
Subsoil	6	20	74	0
Irrigation water supplies	0	5	92	3
Stock water supplies	0	6	94	0

Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending April 25, 2010

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	0	8	37	52	3
Winter Wheat	1	7	28	50	14
Sheep	0	2	14	65	19
Cattle/calves	1	4	17	62	16

Crop Progress
for Week Ending April 25, 2010

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Barley Planted	82	70	57	62
Barley Emerged	57	32	NA	22
Oats Planted	47	41	46	49
Oats Emerged	19	12	9	14
Spring Wheat Planted	77	55	68	71
Spring Wheat Emerged	41	22	NA	29
Winter Wheat Head Stage	2	NA	4	1
Corn Planted	12	10	NA	7
Apple Full Bloom	19	6	4	61
Apricots Full Bloom	85	60	83	88
Peach Full Bloom	67	13	43	66
Sweet Cherries Full Bloom	51	12	26	70
Tart Cherries Full Bloom	45	7	12	68

Livestock Percent
for Week Ending April 25, 2010

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cows Calved	88	78	85	88
Sheep Sheared on Farm	65	55	70	61
Sheep Sheared on Range	63	49	49	47
Ewes Lambled on Farm	87	77	87	89
Ewes Lambled on Range	45	40	36	45

Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - April 26, 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>2.4</u>	0.90	46	14	16	27	29	27	44	46	50	49	47
Goshute	<i>Tooele</i>	<u>1.5</u>	0.24	45	15	29	37	38	32	43	48	53	49	46
Dugway	<i>Tooele</i>	4.5	1.19	51	33	40	52	62	11	50	53	55	51	51
Tule Valley	<i>Millard</i>	<u>1.2</u>	0.18	53	14	16	25	20	7	51	59	63	60	56
Hal's Canyon	<i>Millard</i>	<u>0.5</u>	0.16	54	2	9	13	8	8	55	59	59	52	51
Enterprise	<i>Washington</i>	<u>7.8</u>	0.42	53	13	40	34	24	15	55	57	55	50	48
DIXIE														
Sand Hollow	<i>Washington</i>	<u>5.5</u>	0.23	64	0	2	2	5	3	62	66	69	64	60
NORTH CENTRAL														
Blue Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	4.7	0.70	44	32	33	40	36	24	47	50	49	47	45
Cache Junction	<i>Cache</i>	6.2	0.35	48	33	34	39	40	28	47	48	49	47	44
Grantsville	<i>Tooele</i>	5.2	0.59	49	14	6	29	26	22	50	56	56	51	51
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Nephi	<i>Juab</i>	5.6	0.74	48	21	19	18	11	0	51	51	51	49	48
Ephraim	<i>Sanpete</i>	3.2	0.13	45	8	14	21	24	31	42	48	49	46	46
Holden	<i>Millard</i>	4.7	0.62	47	11	10	7	16	13	51	53	54	51	51
Milford	<i>Beaver</i>	6.8	0.77	49	30	37	36	44	16	55	55	52	48	48
Manderfield	<i>Beaver</i>	<u>0.3</u>	0.15	46	20	28	26	25	8	46	50	49	46	44
Circleville	<i>Piute</i>	3.4	0.66	45	25	18	27	20	23	50	52	51	46	45
Panguitch	<i>Garfield</i>	<u>2.2</u>	0.13	43	15	33	28	35	27	47	50	48	45	44
Cave Valley	<i>Washington</i>	<u>2.0</u>	1.84	50	0	7	7	8	8	46	52	54	50	45
Vermillion	<i>Kane</i>	<u>0.3</u>	0.22	53	1	8	9	15	0	47	49	52	47	44
Spooky	<i>Kane</i>	<u>0.1</u>	0.01	57	2	1	5	26	27	61	61	60	55	54
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS														
Chicken Ridge	<i>Morgan</i>	5.0	0.19	37	21	17	23	24	27	39	39	41	42	42
Buffalo Jump	<i>Rich</i>	5.0	0.19	40	14	21	21	16	-	43	47	47	44	-
Morgan	<i>Morgan</i>	8.2	0.22	46	21	24	27	15	7	48	48	49	47	45
UINTAH BASIN														
Mountain Home	<i>Duchesne</i>	4.0	0.77	44	28	36	38	32	18	46	47	47	46	46
Little Red Fox	<i>Duchesne</i>	<u>1.1</u>	0.29	51	4	36	47	19	48	49	55	55	52	48
Split Mountain	<i>Uintah</i>	<u>1.5</u>	0.57	52	14	25	23	17	10	48	53	56	53	50
SOUTHEAST														
Price	<i>Carbon</i>	3.3	0.01	50	1	19	26	15	17	54	56	57	54	51
Green River	<i>Emery</i>	4.1	0.25	58	8	10	12	8	11	62	64	66	61	58
Harm's Way	<i>San Juan</i>	<u>2.4</u>	0.68	47	21	9	32	32	18	50	47	51	47	45
West Summit	<i>San Juan</i>	3.7	0.30	47	24	28	30	28	34	48	49	50	45	44
Eastland	<i>San Juan</i>	5.2	0.72	49	25	24	24	33	36	46	49	49	45	44
Alkali Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	7.5	0.47	54	20	22	29	33	30	50	50	51	48	46
McCracken Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	5.4	0.15	56	16	23	24	26	22	57	60	60	54	53

*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; Cave Valley 4/12/10; Vermillion 4/13/10; Spooky 4/14/10; Manderfield 4/16/10).

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>