



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.0. Various storms across Utah brought a mixture of rain, mountain snow, and cool temperatures. Soil moisture content increased from the previous week.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder and Utah Counties farmers continued this week to irrigate winter wheat and alfalfa. Farmers were also busy completing corn and safflower planting. Field crops look good, but are behind in development this year due to the cold spring. Dryland wheat crop received much needed moisture during the week. Some early planted fall wheat is nearing the boot stage. Reports came in regarding frost damage from the previous week to the fruit crop in the Perry - Willard area. A good number of sweet cherries and apricots were severely damaged. Peach blossoms suffered damage to around half of the crop. **Cache County** growers were pleased with a good rainstorm early in the week; though it did stop fieldwork for a few days. Due to unseasonably cool temperatures most crops are not growing as quickly as desired. Growers are confident of accelerated growth in the coming weeks with warmer temperatures and timely rains. Many local farmers made good progress on planting corn early in the week. **Morgan and Weber Counties** have seen cold and wet weather which has put the first alfalfa crop about one week behind. **Carbon County** reported that cool temperatures have slowed down fruit tree blossom. Most apples are just coming into blossom. High winds through April and early May have depleted topsoil moisture reserves. Recent light rains were insufficient to do much for soil moisture. **San Juan County** wheat stands are thin due to winter kill and poor establishment last fall. Safflower and spring wheat planting is nearing completion. **Summit and Wasatch County** farmers are working on spring tillage and planting. Cool wet weather has slowed pasture and alfalfa growth. Soil moisture levels are adequate, no additional irrigation is needed at this time. **Beaver County** farmers are planting new alfalfa and irrigating crops.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder and Beaver County livestock producers are getting ready to move their stock to summer ranges in the next couple of weeks. Calves are almost all branded and vaccinated and most of them look good. Sheep producers are just about finished with lambing and will be docking sheep this week and next. Sheep herds will be moved to summer ranges in the next few weeks. Black grass bug damage to rangelands is still a major concern, as well as, grasshoppers which are currently hatching. **Cache County** ranchers and dairymen are very pleased with prices for feeder cattle, and cull cows. Livestock are all very healthy. **Utah and Carbon County** livestock and pastures are in good condition. **Duchesne County** producers have begun to feed hay to cattle due to slow pasture growth. **Summit and Wasatch County** cattle have moved from winter ranges and are heading to private ranges for the next month, before returning to forest permit land. Sheep have arrived from winter ranges and are doing well. Calving and lambing is nearing completion.

Crop Progress for Week Ending May 16, 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	95	91	88	88
Barley Emerged	80	75	48	68
Oats Planted	84	77	81	83
Oats Emerged	58	44	47	51
Spring Wheat Planted	98	91	95	95
Spring Wheat Emerged	74	64	49	78
Winter Wheat Headed	4	3	9	9
Corn Planted	48	30	53	52
Apple Full Bloom	60	53	79	92
Peach Full Bloom	90	85	100	97
Sweet Cherries Full Bloom	83	66	100	100
Tart Cherries Full Bloom	77	62	100	99

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending May 16, 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	3	28	63	6
Spring Wheat	0	0	20	70	10
Winter Wheat	0	4	30	58	8
Barley	0	0	18	72	10
Sheep	0	2	15	69	14
Cattle/calves	0	3	8	74	15

Livestock Percent for Week Ending May 16, 2010

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sheep Sheared on Farm	90	86	91	84
Sheep Sheared on Range	88	83	80	77
Ewes Lambled on Range	80	73	64	77

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 16, 2010

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	13	83	4
Subsoil	6	15	78	1
Irrigation water supplies	0	7	82	11
Stock water supplies	0	5	95	0