



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.7. Weather varied greatly during the past week. Unseasonably warm and pleasant weather was quickly replaced with below freezing temperatures and snowfall. Soil moisture content increased from the previous week. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County has had a slow start to the spring season. Various storms have delayed spring planting and field work. Some fertilizer was applied on fields with well drained soils. Producers have delayed planting spring wheat, safflower, and barley due to wet conditions. Some onions have been planted, but not many. There have been reports of fall grain with snow mold damage. The full extent of the damage has not been assessed because snow remains on some of the fields. Some damage to fruit buds may have occurred when temperatures dipped below zero. **Cache County** had only one day of warm and dry weather last week which allowed for a small amount of field work. Weekend storms halted all field work in the county. A few onions have been planted in **Weber County**. Wet and heavy snow has damaged some fruit trees in **Utah County**. In **Carbon County** limited field work has begun. **Uintah County** has not seen much field work at this point due to wet and snow covered fields. Grass and alfalfa have shown signs of spring growth.

Livestock Summary

In **Box Elder County** calving is nearly complete. Cattle appear to be in good condition; however, there have been a few losses due to cold and snowy conditions. Most farm flocks of sheep have lambed with good success. Range flocks will continue lambing for the next couple of weeks. **Cache County** producers are hoping for warmer and drier weather to ease stress on livestock. Rain and snow the past couple of days, in **Utah County**, have been causing concern for livestock producers with newborn animals. Calves and lambs in **Carbon County** are, for the most part, in very good condition. In **Uintah County** calving and lambing has peaked. **Wayne County** rangeland is infested with locoweed which has forced some producers to remove cattle from winter ranges and feed hay instead.

Crop Progress for Week Ending April 3, 2011

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Planted	23	NA	28	24
Oats Planted	23	NA	17	16
Spring Wheat Planted	19	NA	21	19

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending April 3, 2011

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	11	27	60	1
Winter Wheat	1	7	28	53	11
Sheep	0	1	22	76	1
Cattle/calves	1	1	28	69	1

Livestock Percent for Week Ending April 3, 2011

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cows Calved	66	NA	56	55
Sheep Sheared on Farm	61	NA	34	33
Sheep Sheared on Range	34	NA	16	18
Ewes Lambed on Farm	52	NA	45	54
Ewes Lambed on Range	12	NA	18	12

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 3, 2011

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	1	70	29
Subsoil	0	3	83	14

