



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.7. Wet weather conditions continued throughout most of Utah last week. Soil moisture content decreased slightly from the previous week. Topsoil moisture was rated 5 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County farmers struggled to plant onions and grains due to wet conditions. There have been very few acres of spring grains planted this year; farmers are anxious to get into the fields and plant safflower and corn. Winter wheat generally looks good with minor damage due to snow mold and standing water. Alfalfa fields have just begun to break dormancy; most fields are in good condition so far. Fruit producers may have had some damage to apricot blossoms Thursday because temperatures dipped below freezing just as the trees were beginning to bloom. The extent of the damage will not be known totally until the fruit begins to set in the next couple of weeks. Wet, cold weather also inhibits bees from pollinating which could cause additional losses. **Cache and Millard County** farmers were unable to accomplish much field work last week due to continued wet conditions. Soils are very saturated, some areas are experiencing flooding. **Sevier County** farmers have also been forced to delay planting because of the weather. Flooding is expected due to the excessive snow pack. Recent spring storms did not reach **Carbon and Duchesne Counties**. High winds are decreasing topsoil moisture content, which is normal for this time of year. Temperatures are increasing and farmers have been able to complete some field work. In **San Juan County** conditions are very dry. There has not been measurable precipitation for over two months. Snowpack is nearly gone.

Livestock Summary

Livestock producers in **Box Elder County** are just about done calving and have generally reported good success with only a few isolated losses. Range sheep operators are just beginning to lamb. Some losses were reported during the snow and rain storm which occurred last weekend. Wool prices are on the rise. Livestock in **Cache County** are stressed due to the persistent wet weather. Producers in **Duchesne County** are hopeful for a very good year due to high commodity and livestock prices.

Crop Progress for Week Ending April 17, 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	30	24	66	53
Barley Emerged	8	NA	27	15
Oats Planted	35	26	39	33
Oats Emerged	4	NA	11	8
Spring Wheat Planted	32	24	52	54
Spring Wheat Emerged	7	NA	19	19
Apple Full Bloom	7	NA	5	23
Apricots Full Bloom	76	NA	51	66
Peach Full Bloom	20	NA	11	29
Sweet Cherries Full Bloom	21	NA	10	36
Tart Cherries Full Bloom	10	NA	6	41

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending April 17, 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	14	31	46	8
Winter Wheat	1	4	16	69	10
Sheep	0	2	25	71	2
Cattle/calves	1	2	28	67	2

Livestock Percent for Week Ending April 17, 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	82	74	77	81
Sheep Sheared on Farm	75	67	53	50
Sheep Sheared on Range	58	47	46	40
Ewes Lambded on Farm	71	63	75	81
Ewes Lambded on Range	33	22	38	33

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 17, 2011

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	5	68	27
Subsoil	0	3	82	15

Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - April 15, 2011

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	<i>Box Elder</i>	9.2	0.53	32	15	26	30	30	32	37	41	43	41	42
Park Valley	<i>Box Elder</i>	6.8	0.23	37	8	14	23	30	25	39	42	46	45	44
Goshute	<i>Tooele</i>	7.8	0.76	37	29	41	17	30	34	35	39	44	41	42
Dugway	<i>Tooele</i>	7.2	0.49	41	21	35	37	nd	11	43	47	49	47	47
Tule Valley	<i>Millard</i>	6.0	0.67	44	23	21	23	21	8	45	51	56	53	51
Hal's Canyon	<i>Millard</i>	4.5	0.23	40	0	11	14	13	8	43	49	54	49	47
Enterprise	<i>Washington</i>	12.6	0.09	38	15	40	35	29	34	45	49	47	46	46
DIXIE														
Sand Hollow	<i>Washington</i>	11.5	0.57	53	12	5	5	5	5	53	58	62	60	57
NORTH CENTRAL														
Blue Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	10.3	0.25	35	33	34	39	36	25	42	44	44	42	41
Cache Junction	<i>Cache</i>	15.2	0.87	39	41	43	46	42	41	44	45	44	42	42
Grantsville	<i>Tooele</i>	9.4	0.80	39	17	3	29	33	24	43	48	49	47	49
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Nephi	<i>Juab</i>	9.2	0.76	38	31	32	31	16	15	45	46	46	45	44
Ephraim	<i>Sanpete</i>	7.3	0.45	38	13	22	31	28	45	38	44	45	42	42
Holden	<i>Millard</i>	7.3	0.47	38	12	12	11	21	18	44	45	46	46	46
Milford	<i>Beaver</i>	7.3	0.31	37	27	33	33	37	16	47	49	47	45	46
Manderfield	<i>Beaver</i>	10.8	0.83	33	18	30	30	24	12	42	44	43	40	41
Circleville	<i>Piute</i>	7.9	0.14	35	30	14	15	21	8	43	44	47	43	43
Panguitch	<i>Garfield</i>	7.3	0.21	33	14	32	24	30	33	39	41	41	40	41
Cave Valley	<i>Washington</i>	25.3	0.71	37	6	8	7	7	9	38	40	43	42	40
Vermillion	<i>Kane</i>	14.6	0.24	40	3	9	10	16	29	38	42	46	44	42
Spooky	<i>Kane</i>	6.2	0.01	47	5	5	6	26	4	54	53	55	52	50
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS														
Chicken Ridge	<i>Morgan</i>	8.5	0.77	34	23	15	23	20	27	33	33	33	34	33
Buffalo Jump	<i>Rich</i>	7.7	0.80	34	22	28	27	30	-	39	41	41	39	-
Morgan	<i>Morgan</i>	18.0	1.30	36	27	28	29	18	8	42	42	44	43	41
UINTAH BASIN														
Mountain Home	<i>Duchesne</i>	5.7	0.33	35	30	37	40	35	31	40	42	42	41	42
Little Red Fox	<i>Duchesne</i>	5.2	0.14	41	3	33	40	37	44	39	47	49	47	44
Split Mountain	<i>Uintah</i>	5.1	0.05	45	10	23	24	24	10	42	48	52	49	46
SOUTHEAST														
Price	<i>Carbon</i>	6.8	0.02	40	0	17	24	14	17	45	49	50	48	46
Green River	<i>Emery</i>	3.5	0.00	51	6	9	10	5	9	54	57	59	56	52
Harm's Way	<i>San Juan</i>	4.1	0.02	38	13	1	24	26	12	47	42	49	46	44
West Summit	<i>San Juan</i>	2.8	0.02	38	17	21	21	15	19	39	42	47	45	44
Eastland	<i>San Juan</i>	5.5	0.00	40	17	19	22	32	34	44	48	48	45	44
Alkali Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	5.2	0.00	43	13	15	22	19	13	45	46	49	47	45
McCracken Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	3.5	0.00	49	10	17	17	16	14	52	56	57	52	51

*since October 1, 2010, nd missing data.

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>