



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

During the past week 6.6 days were suitable for field work. The soil continues to dry out and concerns about irrigation water continue to increase. Conditions in **Box Elder County** this week were dry and windy. Daytime temperatures were at or near normal, but low temperatures in a few locations were on the cool side. Some farmers are flood irrigating alfalfa fields in the Bear River valley because of dry weather. **Duchesne County** reports that the county continues to dry out as no significant moisture has been received. In **Utah County** the west side of the county is reporting very dry conditions. For the State, topsoil moisture is 8 percent very short, 37 percent short, and 55 percent adequate.

Field Crop Summary

Box Elder County reports that major activities this week were corn planting and irrigation. Corn that was planted early has started to emerge from the ground and looks good. Dry land farmers were continuing to fallow the acreage that is not planted for harvest this year. Some alfalfa fields were windrowed last week in the Bear River Valley. Alfalfa is reported to look very good overall. Winter Wheat is reported as good to very good. Dry land wheat could use a good rain as soil moisture is being depleted by plant use and evaporation. **Utah County** reports that most of the crops are planted and first crop hay harvest is expected to begin soon.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder sheep producers with range flocks are finishing lambing of their ewes. Ranchers are busy tending their herds and flocks which are reported to be in good condition. Calving and lambing seasons are mostly over. Cattle producers were able to turn out animals this weekend on some BLM permits. The range land is dry overall and in some areas of the county very little green growth can be identified. Dry conditions are beginning to affect range growth and livestock water availability. Most herds are still grazing on lower elevation meadows and pastures. In **Duchesne County** most producers turned out their livestock on forest allotments on time this year. Some producers have begun to ship livestock to summer ranges while others are finishing up branding and other spring livestock activities. Other producers that have moved their livestock to spring ranges, have begun to haul water to their livestock due to the anticipated dry conditions. Much of the spring desert range feed has dried up. In **Utah County** ranchers are reporting that range conditions are very dry and producers in some areas of the county are hauling water to livestock.

Crop Progress for Week Ending May 13, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Barley Emerged	88	87	43	64
Oats Planted	91	86	67	80
Oats Emerged	69	57	29	45
Spring Wheat Emerged	96	91	44	66
Winter Wheat Headed	9	5	7	7
Corn Planted	69	37	36	43
Apple Full Bloom	97	94	55	71

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending May 13, 2012

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	0	8	45	46	1
Spring Wheat	0	2	17	77	4
Winter Wheat	0	5	21	63	11
Barley	0	0	12	81	7
Oats	0	0	8	86	6
Sheep	0	0	5	78	17
Cattle/calves	0	0	10	68	22

Livestock Percent for Week Ending May 13, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cattle Moved to Summer Range	27	12	4	13
Sheep Moved to Summer Range	23	13	4	12
Sheep Sheared on Range	98	91	98	84
Ewes Lambd on Range	71	62	75	73

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 13, 2012

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	8	37	55	0
Subsoil	4	39	57	0
Irrigation water supplies	5	15	80	0
Stock water supplies	5	19	76	0

Crop Development for Week Ending May 13, 2012

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches
Alfalfa Height	12	9	NA	NA

Freeze Damage for Week Ending May 13, 2012

Item	None	Light	Moderate	Severe
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Fruit	40	26	25	9