



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

During the past week 7 days were reported suitable for field work with sunny weather throughout the state allowing for producers to cut and bale hay with the hopes of rain soon. **Millard County** reports temperatures ranging from frost in the morning climbing to the high 90's in the afternoon.

Field Crop Summary

In **Box Elder County**, producers were busy cutting and baling hay. Reports show irrigated winter wheat mostly headed out and in good to excellent condition. Non-irrigated winter wheat is mostly headed and some in flower stage and in fair to good conditions, but starting to suffer from lack of moisture. Non-irrigated alfalfa has been reported to be in very poor conditions. Both corn and onions in the Bear River valley look good while some peach producers in the county reported a drop due to frost earlier in the year. Crickets have started to show up in Blue Creek while alfalfa weevil and grasshoppers are being found in some areas of the county. Hay is also being cut and baled in **Cache County** where alfalfa weevil continue to trouble producers. Corn in the county has responded well to the warm weather and small grains are maturing quickly. Growers using surface run-off for irrigation are concerned about having sufficient water for the season. **Tooele County** reports grasshoppers in isolated areas in Tooele and Skull Valley. **Weber County's** corn crop is showing some early spider mite damage. **Millard County** reports very dry non-irrigated crop conditions and lower than expected yields for first crop alfalfa. **Duchesne County** producers have an earlier than normal start on harvesting their first crop of hay but many irrigation companies in the county are predicting they will be out of water in the next three weeks to a month. **Summit County** has similar concerns as many producers have been cut back on their irrigation water supply and worry they will run out of water before the end of summer. **Beaver County** producers are just starting to cut alfalfa. Irrigation water is sparse in the east side of the county.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County reports cattle and sheep in good condition. Summer pastures are in need of rain soon. In some areas of the county sheep have been moved to higher elevation pastures. **Cache County** reports flies agitating livestock where proper insecticides have not been used and rangelands would benefit from more rain. **Beaver County** reports that most cattle are on the range and look good. **Iron County's** ranges are rapidly drying out with grasshoppers starting to appear. **Millard County** reports poor pasture conditions with little new growth this year. Concerns over pasture for summer grazing continue in **Duchesne County**.

Coming soon – NASS's annual June surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of June, NASS will survey about 140,000 U.S. producers and visit 42,000 tracts of farm land to collect information. Responses to these surveys provide the foundation for estimates in the upcoming growing year and will first be released in the *Acreage* and other reports on June 29. Watch for the survey and be sure to respond. Your information matters!

Crop Progress for Week Ending June 3, 2012

| Item | Current Week | Previous Week | Previous Year | 5 Year Average |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Barley Headed Stage | 36 | 36 | 1 | 8 |
| Oats Emerged | 93 | 88 | 76 | 81 |
| Spring Wheat Headed | 38 | 19 | 2 | 3 |
| Winter Wheat Headed | 67 | 42 | 28 | 35 |
| Corn Emerged | 89 | 58 | 37 | 67 |
| Alfalfa First Cutting | 37 | 21 | 8 | 20 |
| Other Hay Cut | 24 | 11 | 3 | 7 |

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending June 3, 2012

| 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 | 17 | 37 | 43 | 2 |
| Spring Wheat | 0 | 3 | 21 | 58 | 18 |
| Winter Wheat | 0 | 17 | 28 | 35 | 20 |
| Barley | 0 | 0 | 13 | 59 | 28 |
| Oats | 0 | 0 | 17 | 73 | 10 |
| Corn | 0 | 0 | 27 | 62 | 11 |
| Sheep | 0 | 0 | 7 | 71 | 22 |
| Cattle/calves | 0 | 0 | 8 | 71 | 21 |

Livestock Percent for Week Ending June 3, 2012

| Item | Current Week | Previous Week | Previous Year | 5-Year Average |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Cattle Moved to Summer Range | 67 | 46 | 46 | 51 |
| Sheep Moved to Summer Range | 56 | 28 | 38 | 49 |
| Ewes Lambled on Range | 94 | 90 | 99 | 98 |

Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 3, 2012

| Item | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Topsoil | 16 | 29 | 55 | 0 |
| Subsoil | 11 | 36 | 53 | 0 |
| Irrigation water supplies | 7 | 22 | 71 | 0 |
| Stock water supplies | 10 | 20 | 70 | 0 |

Crop Development for Week Ending June 3, 2012

| Item | Current Week | Previous Week | Previous Year | 5-Year Average |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | <i>Inches</i> | <i>Inches</i> | <i>Inches</i> | <i>Inches</i> |
| Corn Height | 7 | 4 | 1 | NA |
| Alfalfa Height | 20 | 15 | 14 | NA |