



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

For the week ending May 26, 2013 there was a reported 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. In **Box Elder County** pastures have improved significantly throughout the county thanks to the rain in the middle of the month. Feed from annual grasses was minimal but perennial grasses and browse plants are looking much better. Many producers are hoping for more moisture to keep the pastures fresh and growing. **Weber County** reports that recent rains have improved crop prospects.

Field Crop Summary

Beaver County alfalfa is looking good but there are reports of frost. In **Box Elder County** fall planted small grains are continuing to develop with some fields just beginning to show signs of heads developing. Most fall grain on irrigated cropland looks good to very good. Fall grain planted on non-irrigated cropland varies with some fields looking good and others looking spotty. Many poorer stands have been tilled under and replanted with safflower. Safflower is mostly emerged and looks good. Some stands are just coming up and others fields are 3 to 5 inches in height. Some alfalfa hay is being cut this week. Crops are looking quite good in **Cache County** this week. Timely spring rains, received two weeks ago, have really "greened" things up. Most crops have been planted and look pretty good. Some growers have already cut alfalfa hay, but in most cases, they cut earlier than normal because they are very low on feed for their cattle. Evidence of yellow stripe rust has been reported in some wheat fields. A good deal of irrigation is taking place with on-going concerns about limited water supplies.

Livestock Summary

Beaver County reports that livestock look good. Livestock in **Box Elder County** are improving body condition due to feed produced because of rain that fell in the middle of the month. Many cattle are now being moved to summer range. Sheep producers are through lambing, for the most part, and lambs look to be in good condition. Most are on mid-elevation ranges, and will be working their way to higher elevations in the next couple of weeks. Some losses have been reported due to predators and/or very cold weather on a few nights in April. One of the big concerns for sheep and cattle producers is the availability of livestock water. Drought has reduced some springs and ponds that are normally used.

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending May 26, 2013

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	3	10	40	44	3
Spring Wheat	3	5	18	56	18
Winter Wheat	5	13	29	41	12
Barley	0	1	14	60	25
Oats	0	1	22	70	7
Sheep	0	2	33	59	6
Cattle/calves	0	2	28	65	5

Crop Progress for Week Ending May 26, 2013

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Barley Emerged	97	87	96	85
Oats Planted	95	86	99	91
Oats Emerged	83	63	86	69
Winter Wheat Headed	16	7	38	19
Corn Planted	94	74	94	80
Apple Full Bloom	99	91	NA	70

Livestock Percent for Week Ending May 26, 2013

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cattle Moved to Summer Range	49	31	45	37
Sheep Moved to Summer Range	54	32	28	29
Sheep Sheared on Range	97	89	NA	57
Ewes Lambled on Range	94	78	89	92

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 26, 2013

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	10	31	58	1
Subsoil	9	36	55	0
Irrigation water supplies	8	24	67	1
Stock water supplies	5	23	72	0

Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - May 28, 2013

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>	5.6	0.01	50	2	10	16	20	23	54	58	58	54	53
Park Valley	<i>Box Elder</i>	6.7	0.00	54	2	7	14	21	25	60	63	62	58	55
Goshute	<i>Tooele</i>	5.2	0.00	56	14	1	40	26	36	63	65	66	59	55
Dugway	<i>Tooele</i>	4.2	0.00	64	22	30	37	nd	13	66	68	67	62	60
Tule Valley	<i>Millard</i>	4.7	0.00	64	11	15	24	19	12	69	76	78	74	69
Hal's Canyon	<i>Millard</i>	3.1	0.00	66	1	6	10	10	9	69	73	75	64	59
Enterprise	<i>Washington</i>	5.0	0.00	61	5	24	23	15	15	65	68	67	62	57
DIXIE														
Sand Hollow	<i>Washington</i>	4.0	0.00	76	0	0	0	1	0	80	84	82	74	71
NORTH CENTRAL														
Blue Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	6.6	0.00	55	26	25	26	31	20	62	64	63	57	53
Cache Junction	<i>Cache</i>	10.1	0.00	58	26	22	36	35	39	55	56	54	52	49
Grantsville	<i>Tooele</i>	6.7	0.00	60	4	14	23	30	nd	66	68	66	59	nd
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Nephi	<i>Juab</i>	6.1	0.00	61	14	17	16	9	5	65	67	66	60	55
Ephraim	<i>Sanpete</i>	6.0	0.00	59	6	10	16	17	34	53	54	54	49	48
Holden	<i>Millard</i>	5.6	0.00	61	5	6	5	13	16	68	69	69	63	58
Milford	<i>Beaver</i>	4.8	0.00	62	7	19	19	28	16	73	72	67	61	56
Manderfield	<i>Beaver</i>	6.1	0.01	59	2	13	14	12	6	59	63	61	55	52
Circleville	<i>Piute</i>	4.6	0.00	59	10	5	7	8	9	67	68	67	57	53
Panguitch	<i>Garfield</i>	2.6	0.00	55	3	19	14	21	26	59	60	58	53	49
Cave Valley	<i>Washington</i>	9.9	0.00	56	4	0	1	3	4	63	64	66	61	58
Vermillion	<i>Kane</i>	4.9	0.00	61	0	1	3	5	8	60	65	66	60	55
Spooky	<i>Kane</i>	3.4	0.00	70	3	1	4	13	2	77	76	73	66	64
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS														
Chicken Ridge	<i>Morgan</i>	7.4	0.00	51	9	22	15	22	16	51	51	52	56	47
Buffalo Jump	<i>Rich</i>	6.1	0.00	53	9	13	16	16	na	57	58	57	57	na
Morgan	<i>Morgan</i>	12.9	0.00	55	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
UINTAH BASIN														
Mountain Home	<i>Duchesne</i>	5.7	0.03	59	16	23	26	26	14	56	57	56	53	51
Little Red Fox	<i>Duchesne</i>	4.9	0.01	63	4	21	26	27	27	66	69	68	62	56
Split Mountain	<i>Uintah</i>	4.3	0.01	66	4	18	14	14	12	71	73	72	65	58
SOUTHEAST														
Price	<i>Carbon</i>	4.7	0.00	66	0	13	19	16	19	68	71	71	64	59
Green River	<i>Emery</i>	2.7	0.00	70	5	10	10	6	10	73	75	76	71	65
Harm's Way	<i>San Juan</i>	5.6	0.00	60	10	0	17	19	9	67	64	66	60	55
West Summit	<i>San Juan</i>	2.9	0.00	60	6	12	16	17	18	62	65	67	59	54
Eastland	<i>San Juan</i>	3.5	0.00	60	10	12	14	31	33	60	61	62	57	55
Alkali Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	4.5	0.00	64	6	7	17	19	13	65	65	65	61	58
McCracken Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	5.0	0.00	62	8	15	18	20	13	65	71	72	61	62

*s since October 1, 2012, nd=missing data, na=no sensor

SCAN site locations and hourly data including wind speed, wind direction, relative humidity, solar radiation, etc. are available at <http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/scan/utah/utah.html>