



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork across the State for the week ending April 27, 2014. **Box Elder County** experienced a week of wild weather. High winds hit the County on Tuesday with semi-trucks blown over on the freeway and damage to sheds and barns sustained throughout the Bear River Valley. **Cache County** growers are delighted with a very wet rain storm in recent days. Very dry conditions exist in **Garfield County**. Some irrigation companies are below primary at the beginning of the season. In **Morgan County**, spring work is progressing well. Most barley and oats to be planted for hay are in the ground, not very much has emerged yet.

Field Crop Summary

Some corn planting is underway in **Box Elder County** on the soils that contain more sand but most corn producers are opting to wait for warmer weather and an increase in soil temperatures. Winter wheat is progressing well and most of it has been fertilized and sprayed for weeds. Spring wheat is mostly planted and is beginning to emerge and establish. Safflower is being planted mostly on dry farms. Fall planted canola in the Riverside area is doing well. Onion farmers are beginning to see seedlings emerge. In **Cache County** most growers have planted their wheat, barley, safflower, and alfalfa. It is still too early to plant corn, but this recent rain will provide near ideal conditions for corn planting within the next two weeks. Small grains and new seedings of alfalfa, in most cases, have emerged and look great. Spring planting in **Uintah County** is going well. Things are very dry. Everything that isn't irrigated is starting to burn up.

Livestock Summary

Livestock producers in **Box Elder County** are still in the process of branding and doctoring calves in preparation for turn out on summer ranges. Calving is just about over except for a few late calving cows. Most producers report that their calving season went very well this year. Pastures and alfalfa fields look good in **Weber County** due to early warm temperatures. Ranchers were finishing up lambing and calving.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 27, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	7	41	51	1
Subsoil	6	35	56	3
Stock water supplies	2	23	74	1

Crop Progress & Development, Livestock Activity for Week Ending April 27, 2014

Item	Current Week	Pre-vious Week	Pre-vious Year	5-Year Aver-age
	Crop Progress			
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Planted	91	79	74	71
Barley Emerged	72	46	38	49
Oats Planted	67	55	54	54
Oats Emerged	45	29	20	21
Spring Wheat Planted	90	82	83	75
Spring wheat Emerged	69	56	47	44
Corn Planted	9	NA	9	11
Apricots Full Bloom	55	39	78	87
Peaches Full Bloom	26	16	49	61
Sweet Cherries Full Bloom	45	15	37	53
Cows Calved	85	78	92	90
Ewes Lambd Farm Flocks	89	76	85	87
Sheep Shorn Farm Flocks	83	75	77	79
Ewes Lambd Range Flocks	58	40	56	49
Sheep Shorn Range Flocks	82	75	68	68
Sheep and Lambs Moved to Pasture	33	12	12	4

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending April 27, 2014

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	-	6	42	49	3
Winter Wheat	-	2	18	62	18
Sheep	-	-	18	75	7
Cattle/calves	-	1	23	65	11