



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Several parts of the state received rain this past week. Producers were pleased with the amount of rain and hope for more rain showers this week. Field work around the state continues to progress well with the planting of small grains, alfalfa, safflower, and corn. Days suitable for work was 5.5. Livestock conditions continue to do well.

## Field Crops Summary

Some reports out of Box Elder indicate that 8 inches of snow fell in Yost. Wayne County reports severe frost on Thursday morning. Rain showers in Cache County have kept tractors out of the field this past week. Garfield & Kane counties report that there will be significant losses of pasture and crop production without much needed rainfall. Producers in Box Elder report onions have begun to emerge in some areas of the county. Sevier County reports that the recent showers hampered spraying and field preparations. Weber County reports that corn planting is underway and the recent precipitation has aided the topsoil. Weber County has also prepared and established timetables for insecticide spraying. Box Elder and Uintah report that irrigation water was put into their canal system this week. The water supply forecast for the Uintah Basin including storage is 83% of normal.

## Livestock Summary

Livestock producers in Box Elder have branded and vaccinated their calves. Producers are concerned about dry pastures in the western part of the county. Beaver County reports that some ranchers are turning out their cows early because they are out of hay and are having a hard time finding more. Beaver County also reports that hay prices are high and will most likely stay that way all year with limited irrigation supplies.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending April 22, 2007

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Planted	82	70	42	63
Oats Planted	57	33	32	50
Oats Emerged	24	6	11	21
Spring Wheat Planted	92	82	49	70
Spring Wheat Emerged	63	41	18	35
Apple Full Bloom	75	45	79	59
Pears Full Bloom	78	45	76	84
Tart Cherries Full Bloom	93	80	71	83

### Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending April 22, 2007

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	2	10	36	51	1
Winter Wheat	0	0	18	62	20
Sheep	0	2	10	84	4
Cattle/calves	0	1	11	81	7

### Livestock Percent for Week Ending April 22, 2007

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sheep Moved to Summer Range	11	5	9	0
Cows Calved	88	83	86	86
Sheep Sheared on Farm	70	67	81	79
Sheep Sheared on Range	53	51	71	63
Ewes Lambded on Farm	92	83	90	87
Ewes Lambded on Range	47	42	52	54

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 22, 2007

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	23	75	2
Subsoil	2	17	81	0
Irrigation water supplies	7	34	59	0
Stock water supplies	0	10	90	0