



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Temperatures reached as high as 90 degrees which is unusual for this time of year. Days suitable for field work has increased to 6.7 days due to the warmer temperatures. Crops continue to progress around the state. Livestock producers are still in need of more rain to improve range and pasture conditions around the state.

## Field Crops Summary

Summit County as well as other counties are still planting corn and alfalfa while small grains planting is almost complete. Weed spraying is also taking place within the area. Box Elder reports that temperatures have been about 20 degrees higher than normal for this time of year causing stress on some crops due to the lack of moisture. The winter wheat crop in Box Elder looks good with some exceptions in the drier areas of the county. Weber and Cache counties have begun cutting 1<sup>st</sup> crop alfalfa. Onions look good this season, aided by ideal planting conditions. Cache County reports farmers are still optimistic even though fuel costs keep rising and snow packs are below normal. Beaver County reports that alfalfa first cutting has begun, but existing hay supplies are short. Duchesne County reports that grasshoppers are starting to show up in numbers in some areas.

## Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports that cattle producers are finishing up with branding and vaccinations and are getting ready to move their cattle to the summer ranges. Sheep producers are still lambing range herds and will shortly begin to move to the summer ranges. Livestock producers around the state are still concerned because the ranges are drying out quickly.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending May 13, 2007

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oats Planted	87	75	82	82
Oats Emerged	59	41	47	55
Spring Wheat Emerged	92	84	80	82
Winter Wheat Head Stage	5	2	4	3
Corn Planted	53	28	60	48

### Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending May 13, 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	3	11	37	45	4
Winter Wheat	0	0	20	59	21
Sheep	0	1	9	83	7

### Livestock Percent for Week Ending May 13, 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	27	25	15	16
Sheep Sheared on Farm	84	83	92	95
Ewes Lambled on Range	77	74	79	83

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 13, 2007

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	2	32	64	2
Subsoil	2	30	67	1
Irrigation water supplies	5	35	60	0
Stock water supplies	1	11	88	0