



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Work activity around the state was consistent with last week's activities. The days suitable for work was 5.8 days. This week produced cooler temperatures in Box Elder and Millard counties. Producers are still concerned about irrigation for crops. Livestock conditions are good.

## Field Crops Summary

Farmers continue with field work this week which includes planting safflower, corn, and small grains. Winter Wheat conditions look good, but more moisture is needed to maintain that condition. Millard County reports that the cold weather has frozen apricot blossoms and some of their alfalfa crop. Box Elder reports that fruit growers are very concerned that they suffered damage to the fruit crop due to the cold weather this week. One producer reported an 80 to 90 percent loss on peaches and nectarines. Emery County reports having cooler temperatures this week, but no major frost damage has been reported. Box Elder reports that traps have been set for moths and other harmful insects even though there have been no reports of infestation. Beaver County reports that irrigation supplies are short and some areas of the county will not receive any irrigation water this year.

## Livestock Summary

Livestock producers have begun shearing their range flocks and getting ready to begin lambing. Iron County reports that range conditions on desert areas look good but are starting to deteriorate due to lack of precipitation. Emery County reports that range conditions are very poor with little water available for livestock to drink. Uintah County as well as many other counties report that topsoil conditions are drying out due to lack of precipitation. Box Elder reports that the Bear River Canal company is going to start putting irrigation water into the canal system next week.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending April 15, 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	70	55	22	54
Oats Planted	33	27	23	39
Oats Emerged	6	5	6	15
Spring Wheat Planted	82	64	23	58
Spring Wheat Emerged	41	26	14	26
Apple Full Bloom	45	10	14	28
Apricots Full Bloom	95	40	70	84
Peach Full Bloom	77	15	28	63
Pears Full Bloom	45	33	18	63
Sweet Cherries Full Bloom	80	15	36	51
Tart Cherries Full Bloom	80	14	36	51

### Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending April 15, 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	4	8	38	43	7
Winter Wheat	0	0	9	72	19
Sheep	0	4	13	75	8
Cattle/calves	0	4	20	68	8

### Livestock Percent for Week Ending April 15, 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	5	NA	NA	NA
Cows Calved	83	75	82	81
Sheep Sheared on Farm	67	54	67	69
Sheep Sheared on Range	51	46	55	53
Ewes Lambled on Farm	83	76	85	81
Ewes Lambled on Range	42	41	39	44

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 15, 2007

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	1	26	72	1
Subsoil	3	12	82	3
Irrigation water supplies	4	37	57	2
Stock water supplies	1	12	84	3