



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for work was 3.2 days. Some farmers are still waiting from some dry weather to get into the fields and begin spring planting.

## Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports cool, wet conditions have delayed spring work in the county. Farmers have been harrowing alfalfa, spraying for weeds and applying fertilizer. Some onions were planted about two weeks ago when there were a few dry days. Their were also some reports of snow mold damage throughout the county but the extent of the damage is not clear at this time. As of Saturday, no blossoms had been observed on fruit trees in the Perry - Willard area. A few more warm days will likely begin the bloom on apricots and early peaches. Weber County reports farmers are anxious to apply fertilizers and weed control on alfalfa and fall grains. Orchard growers are looking for a break in the weather so that they can apply dormant oils before the trees bloom or leaf out. Utah County fruit growers report that the cold has not yet hurt fruit crops. Emery County reports very cold weather has slowed new grass growth this spring while Beaver County reports spring farm work well underway. Iron County reports alfalfa growers are applying herbicides and fertilizer. Garfield and Kane Counties report dry moisture conditions are getting critical.

## Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports cattle producers are calving cows with most over 50% complete. Sheep producers are shearing sheep now and range herds will begin to lamb in the next couple of weeks. All livestock producers are hoping for warm weather and continued moisture to make the grass grow as soon as possible. Box Elder County ranchers report that calf and lamb crops are progressing normally and that both lamb and calf crops are relatively healthy. Cattlemen have had good luck this year with calving. Emery County reports calving and lambing has gone very well this year. Beaver County reports livestock are doing well. Iron County reports calving and lambing are proceeding without major problems.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending April 5, 2009

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Planted	25	NA	NA	NA
Oats Planted	18	NA	NA	NA
Spring Wheat Planted	7	NA	NA	NA
Winter Wheat Planted	100	NA	NA	NA

### Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending April 5, 2009

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter Wheat	0	4	24	55	17
Cattle/calves	0	0	23	68	9

### Livestock Percent for Week Ending April 5, 2009

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cows Calved	64	NA	NA	NA
Sheep Sheared on Farm	47	NA	NA	NA
Sheep Sheared on Range	19	NA	NA	NA
Ewes Lambled on Farm	62	NA	NA	NA
Ewes Lambled on Range	13	NA	NA	NA