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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Storms were the main story with conditions too wet for farmers to get into fields for planting. Rainy and snowy weather allowed farmers and ranchers 1.5 days suitable for field work compared to 0 days the previous week. It may be a few days or even weeks before fields are dry enough for farm work. Calving and lambing are well underway and should continue for another couple of months.

Field Crops Summary

Northern counties reported water supplies look good with excellent soil moisture and snow pack. Winter wheat is emerging and looks good, but there is concern for crop damage due to snow mold. Cold and wet weather has also limited farmers' fertilization efforts. Eastern counties reported very little field work to date due to an abundance of moisture, while the southern counties report needing more moisture. More time is needed to assess the upcoming growing season.

Livestock Summary

Livestock were in good condition. Cattle producers are in the middle of the calving cycle. Lambing has begun on farm and range flocks, but most range flocks won't begin lambing until early to mid April. Sheep shearing has begun and should pick up over the next few weeks.

Crop Progress for Week Ending March 19, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Planted	5	NA	NA	NA
Spring Wheat Planted	7	NA	NA	NA

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending March 19, 2006

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	0	0	13	77	10
Sheep	0	3	14	79	4
Cattle/calves	0	0	12	75	13

Livestock Percent for Week Ending March 19, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cows Calved	39	NA	NA	NA
Sheep Sheared on Farm	19	NA	NA	NA
Sheep Sheared on Range	12	NA	NA	NA
Ewes Lambed on Farm	46	NA	NA	NA
Ewes Lambed on Range	10	NA	NA	NA

Soil Moisture for Week Ending March 19, 2006

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	5	68	27
Subsoil	0	7	84	9
Irrigation water supplies	0	2	98	0
Stock water supplies	0	1	98	1