



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Utah had lower than average precipitation throughout the month of January. A few storms brought snow to the mountains with little snow in the valleys. The mild winter has been good for livestock. Although most reservoirs in the state are full, many producers are hoping for a larger snowpack this winter, especially in areas which rely on runoff.

## Livestock Summary

Livestock across the state of Utah are mostly in excellent condition. Calving in **Box Elder County** has just begun. The weather has been mild which should help with calf survival rates. Livestock producers have just reportedly had to begin feeding hay. It has been a great winter so far for pasturing cattle. Many cattle were still grazing pastures as of mid-January with only minimal protein supplementation. Cattle and Lamb prices have remained strong and livestock producers are optimistic for the future. Owners of beef cattle in **Cache County** have saved hay because cattle have been able to graze ditches, fence lines, and crop residue due to the relatively mild winter weather. Livestock are in very good condition. Winter Range conditions in **Utah County** are fair to good; moisture will be needed for summer ranges to be in good condition. In **Duchesne County** the storms from the last couple of weeks have increased moisture in the area; however, more moisture is needed to reduce the likelihood of a dry summer. Cattle in **Uintah County** are in excellent condition due to the warm winter. Livestock are still able to graze some fields, although they are also being fed hay. In **Beaver County** livestock are doing well and calving has begun. Many farmers did not have to start feeding their livestock until the most recent snow falls. Sheep producers in **Iron County** report winter ranges have a good amount of forage, but producers have had to haul water to the ranges due to the lack of snow. **Wayne County** ranchers that have begun calving have experienced excellent calving conditions.

## Field Crops Summary

**Box Elder County** reported that field work is at a standstill. One producer reported planting some spring grain in early January as the field was open and dry enough to work. **Cache County** producers are concerned about winter kill in wheat due to the lack of snow cover this season. Many of the reservoirs in **Duchesne County** are full and irrigation water is expected to be sufficient this coming growing season; however, growers remain concerned over the lack of a snowpack. **Beaver County** has been very dry but farmers were encouraged by recent snow fall.