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# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Temperatures warmed up in March with fewer days with freezing temperatures but it was a wet month with several days of rain and snow. There is still plenty of snow in the high mountains but in the valleys the snow melts quickly after a storm. Little field work has been done due to the wet weather.

## Field Crops Summary

Farmers across the state are anxious to get into the fields to begin spring planting but in most areas the wet weather has not allowed it. In Box Elder County onion producers are worried as they would generally like to have their onions planted by April 1st. So far no reports have been received of onions being planted. The wet weather has also prevented much of the fertilizer and herbicide applications that need to be performed in early spring. Some manure spreading has been taking place but it has been limited due to wet field conditions. Dry farmers are excited for the moisture but they are reporting some damage to winter wheat due to snow mold. Many of the fields in the Blue Creek / Pocatello Valley areas have had continuous snow cover since just after Thanksgiving. Winter Wheat fields in the Bear River Valley are starting to green up and most of them look good to very good. No field work is being done yet in Cache County but growers there expect to be very busy as soon as the days warm up more. Some small grains crops have already been planted in Davis County. Growers in Sevier County have planted about 10 percent of their spring grains and a recent break in the weather allowed them to begin preparations for more planting but more cold wet weather is forecast. They are concerned about the potential for spring flooding due to the above normal snow pack. Spring grain planting has also been delayed in Utah County. The snow has started to melt in the majority of Duchesne County and farmers are starting to do some field work. Snow is still on the ground in many parts of Summit County; Garfield and Kane Counties continue to see winter weather in the form of snow and cold.

## Livestock Summary

Livestock producers in the state are lambing and calving. Box Elder County livestock producers report that calving has generally gone well with normal calf losses due to weather events. They are concerned that wet and muddy conditions that persist throughout the county could cause many cases of scours. Calving is mostly complete with no serious reports of calf loss. Cache County livestock producers are wishing for warmer, dry weather to help new calves and lambs get started. Most Utah County producers have quite a few calves on the ground and some lambs are being born through the county. Garfield and Kane County purebred producers have finished calving and are starting the breeding season. Many commercial producers are in the beginning or middle of calving. Not many reported losses from disease or scours.