



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Box Elder County reports it had a couple warm days, which melted away the snow. Some snow mold was reported. Cache County reports they are still in winter and no fieldwork has taken place yet. Some producers have been doing some soil testing. Toole County reports storms continue to cover the area resulting in normal or close to normal perception. No abnormal freezes or incidents have been reported. Utah and Wasatch Country report the weather has been cold and wet for the past few days. Duchesne County irrigation water level is beginning to look very bleak. Farmers are hoping for more rainstorms before mid April. Garfield and Kane counties report moisture is well below normal. Iron County reports snow pack and soil moisture are very good. Wayne County reports snow-pack on the Dirty Devil River drainage is 65% of normal and the expected run-off will also be below normal. Weather within the month of March has been very warm.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports onions are still not planted because of some snow still left on the ground. Farmers are hoping to complete onion plantings by mid-April. Cache County reports farmers are waiting for the weather to improve before they begin field work. Beaver County reports crop work is going well. The Milford Flat area is reporting a bad infestation of ground squirrels. Agents within the county are conducting a research project and baiting program to try to take care of the problem. Iron County reports some producers are planting spring grains and have commented on the good soil moisture. Alfalfa hay is just starting to green up. Wayne reports spring fieldwork is 2-3 weeks ahead of normal.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County reports that calving is about two-thirds completed. The cattle are doing pretty well with very few problems. In two weeks branding will begin. Cache County reports cattlemen are hoping for warmer, drier weather. The cold snow and winds are hampering calving success. Stormy weather is forecasted for the remainder of the week. Utah and Wasatch County livestock producers are heavy into the calving season. Sheep producers who have farm flocks are about done lambing and range herds will start in April and May. Beaver County reports livestock are doing well. Garfield and Kane counties report the mix of warm and cold days is stressing livestock but calving is progressing. There have been reports of scours within there counties. Iron County reports calving is mostly completed. Many of the range sheep operations have finished shearing and are starting the lambing season. Wayne County reports sheep are all shorn and lambing is well underway.