



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

The state received several storms in January which have been very helpful since November and December were very dry. Mountain snow pack improved significantly and is approaching normal in some parts of the state. There is still a need for more snow in the mountains, however, so there will be enough water from the spring runoff to fill the reservoirs. Temperatures were cold as low as 20 below in some areas.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County reports that crop producers are still concerned about the snowpack. As of January 31, the snowpack on the Bear River drainage is 63 percent of normal. They spent the month maintaining equipment and preparing for the spring. There have been several education meetings held in the county and they have been well attended. **Cache County** reports that the ground is still frozen and covered with deep snow. No field work is being done. **Duchesne County** reports that there has been snow on the ground since the first part of December and this has prohibited field work from being performed.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County reports that livestock producers are getting ready calve cows. Some producers report that the heifers will begin calving in February while the majority of the cows will calve in March. Sheep producers are on their desert permits. Several have reported death losses due to halogeten. This poisonous plant is very widespread this year due to the generous rainfall that occurred during the plants prime growing season in late May through mid June. **Cache County** reports that livestock are doing fine. Some producers are treating their beef herds for lice, but most are handling the cold weather quite well. Beef producers are starting the calving season. Most farm flocks of sheep are also lambing now. **Millard County** reports that several livestock producers started calving at the end of January and have suffered little or no losses due to the weather. **Duchesne County** reports that producers have their herds on winter ranges but most have started feeding livestock since the snow is preventing the animals from getting to the feed. They are also gearing up for calving season. **Beaver County** reports that some ranchers are starting to calve and lamb. Most animals look good and there are sufficient hay supplies. **Garfield and Kane Counties** report receiving much needed moisture during the last month. In some situations the large amounts of snow are causing problems for livestock on the range to move around and get feed. **Wayne County** reports that the deep snow (anything over 12") is causing problems for livestock producers. Most are waiting to see what the weather brings this week, before they bring the cows in off of the ranges. **Sevier County** reports that most cow/calf producers haven't started calving yet.