



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

In the northern part of Utah, farmers are beginning to worry about the lack of moisture. Snowpack in the west part of the State is below normal which will limit irrigation water for areas that rely on stream flow for irrigation. Dry conditions will also affect pasture and grazing land. Last year's excessive snowfall in the southern region of the State made it extremely difficult for livestock producers to access their grazing cattle. Lighter snowfall in Utah this year has made it easier for livestock producers to provide calving assistance and transport additional feed to their grazing cattle. Some counties in the northern region have reported water supply looks good and the weather is great. The general condition in the central and southern parts of the State remains dry.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County livestock producers have reported that calving is going well with no major problems. Sheep producers are currently making arrangements to shear flocks and herds. Prices are still very good for cattle, lambs, and wool. **Garfield and Kane Counties** are on the tail end of calving. Few calves have been lost due to disease or scours this season because of mild temperatures. In **Utah County** this past week producers have been in the fields attributable to good weather. Livestock producers are busy calving and lambing. The weather has been great for calving and lambing in **Duchesne County** and there have been very few death losses and a low reporting of sickness in newborns. The higher prices are also encouraging a lot of producers to expand if they can. **Morgan County** representative reported the weather conditions look good for crops and livestock.

Field Crops Summary

Farmers in **Box Elder County** began field work. Farmers have planted onions and some small grains. Fertilizers were added last week. Most of the fall grain in the Bear River Valley looks very good because of warmer temperatures. Dry land winter wheat is also beginning to break dormancy and most farmers reported that it made it through the winter in good shape. Fertilization and spring tillage are progressing nicely in **Weber County**. Fall grain is being treated for weeds. Some cutworm damage occurred to Fall planted alfalfa. In **Emery and Carbon Counties** farmers are starting to plow in preparation for spring planting. **Utah County** reported the storms have helped dry land crops and fall planted grains. Fruit growers, on the other hand, are starting to worry about freezing temperatures. **Duchesne County** farmers are worried about the soil not having much moisture. Warm temperatures have allowed producers to get their crops planted much earlier this year and most spring grain and field work are under way.