



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

In **Box Elder County** operators are not working in fields with 12" to 15" inches of snow on the ground. January has been a very cold month. At least 20 days experienced high temperatures around 15 degrees Fahrenheit (F°) and low temperatures ranged from -5 F° to -20 F° in many parts of the county. A couple of storms came through the county last week, with over an inch of moisture in the snow. **Carbon County** reported accumulated precipitation in the mountains, through January, at or below average. Valley moisture levels are about average. Warm temperatures at the end of January have helped to move some of the snow moisture into the soil. **Kane/Garfield Counties** report very little precipitation this winter. Irrigation water supplies and range conditions may be in desperate need of moisture this spring and summer, unless substantial moisture is received. **Uintah County** reports that colder than normal conditions have prevailed in January.

Livestock Summary

Beaver County reports that, although it has been very cold, now that a lot of calving and lambing going on, it has started to warm up nicely. Livestock are reported to be doing well. **Box Elder County** reports that cold temperatures have been hard on livestock producers who are feeding and watering cattle. Some producers have already begun the calving process and the moderation in temperatures in the last few days will help with calf survival. Feed remains expensive for those that have to purchase additional feed. Most ranchers are feeding hay. Calving has begun for some ranchers, while others expect begin calving to being in February. **Morgan County** reports the cold weather is slowing yearling growth and requiring operators to use stored feed. **Uintah County** livestock were under moderate cold stress. Most producers have been feeding livestock throughout the month although many livestock have continued to graze crop aftermath.

Field Crop Summary

In **Box Elder County** most onion farmers are busy processing and bagging their onions this winter. The onion price has been very good. **Morgan County** reported that nothing is happening with crops currently. In **Utah County** the extreme cold appears to have caused only some minor damage to the coming season's fruit crops.