



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

**Beaver County** reports concerns about moisture and irrigation water. In **Box Elder County** the snow pack has melted except on some of the higher farming and ranching elevations. The ground was so dry that the water in the snowpack went into the ground rather than running off. Temperatures continue to be colder than normal with just a couple of warm days since the first of March. **Carbon County** reports that the snow has melted in the valley. The western part of the county is at the average level of precipitation accumulation while the eastern end of the county is close to 60% of normal precipitation. Topsoil moisture is good at this point and all depends on spring winds.

## Livestock Summary

In **Box Elder County** ranchers are busy testing bulls and calving. Some ranchers had trouble because calving began earlier than normal this year and many cows calved in deep snow. Reports from cattle and sheep producers are that cows are still calving and sheep in range flocks are getting ready to lamb. It has been a difficult calving season with deep snow and colder than normal temperatures. Sheep producers anticipate shearing their herds in the next couple weeks before lambing gets underway in mid April. Range conditions are reported to be poor at the current time. There is some green up beginning with the annual grasses, but March has been a dry month and a good rain storm is needed to bring the growth along.

## Field Crop Summary

**Beaver County** reports that there are problems with ground squirrels in the Milford area. In **Box Elder County** farmers have been busy planting onions on some of the more sandy areas in the county. Some farmers have been applying fertilizer on their fall planted grain where the ground is firm enough to get on. Application of fertilizers and sprays is starting, depending on the crop planted or to be planted. Very little tractor work has been done in the county with the exception of onion planting. It looks like the weather will be dry enough this week to begin spring seeding of barley, oats, and spring wheat. Some safflower may also be seeded in the next couple of weeks on dry farms. Fall seeded grain is beginning to green up. Most crops in fields on irrigated ground look fair to good. Most of the Fall seeded grain did not get very well established last Fall, due to dry conditions, until very late in the planting season. **Morgan County** crop producers are applying herbicides to alfalfa and fertilizer to all of their fields. **Weber County** farmers are applying fertilizers and applying herbicide to their alfalfa fields. A few farmers are planting alfalfa and small grains.