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Bad weather prevents field work but local farmers aren't worried

Many Davis County farmers aren't so worried about wet fields and not getting spring work done because they're too worried about calving problems. Also, because the new PIK program has reduced corn acreage this spring, there are fewer acres to prepare and plant.

Foster (Chip) Grant, route 1, Bloomfield, commented, "I'm not too nervous yet. I've got PIK ground—no corn to plant. I'm one of the lucky ones."

He added, "It doesn't do too much good to worry. It'd be nice to get something done, but we can't."

Asked what other farmers were saying about spring work, Grant said, "When I get around farmers and hear them talk, I get depressed, so I stay away."

"The farmers are too upset about this calving thing to be upset over field work," commented Harold Utt, route 1, Bloomfield.

He added, "You can't control the weather. The sun will shine one of these days and we'll get it all done—we always have."

About three weeks ago, Utt got 30 acres of oats planted. He has 200 acres of corn to

put in.

"We've been starting around April 25 to plant corn and it's not that late, yet," Utt commented.

Dean Stocker of Jones Produce, Drakesville, commented about farmers' talk at that business, "Nobody's complaining here. Nobody has any money and it wouldn't do any good, anyway."

Mary Jane Foster of the ASCS Office in Bloomfield said there were few farmers coming in there, complaining about not getting in the field.

Keith Smith of Troy Elevator, Bloomfield, said, "Most farmers talk about how they're going to bid, and this and that, on the PIK program. I haven't heard them say it's getting late for field work."

Smith added that the weather has been a little on the abnormal side but farmers are more concerned with losing calves, and even cows.

Teddy Cary, route 6, Bloomfield, commented, "It's not so much what it's doing now but what the weather is going to do from now on. It's time it was drying up!"

Cary, who has 130 acres to seed down, commented, "Most of us are going to seed some and it takes about as much time to

do seeding as plant corn."

He continued, "If the wind would blow, and the sun would come out, and it would get up to 60 degrees or 70 degrees, we'd be able to get into the fields in a week."

"It's getting time for things (the weather) to start turning around, now," ended Cary, who has 180 acres of corn to plant.

"The oats and seeding should have been done by now," said Myron White, route 8, Bloomfield. He added that he was just waiting patiently for the weather to change so he could seed down 60 acres.

"It's a little different with us. We put oats up for feed—either chop or bale them—so I'm not so concerned as the farmer who combines them for grain."

White commented that he thought farmers were too concerned about their cows and calving to worry too much but the weather and field work. He added that the PIK program has probably helped farmers too, this spring.

"If it'd just warm up and the wind would blow for a week's good drying weather, we could get our oats in within a few days," said White, who also has 300 acres of corn to plant.



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