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(S.D.)-Snowstorm Is A Mixed Bag For Agricultural Community



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RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) - The spring storm pounding South Dakota is a mixed bag for the agricultural community.

Much of the state has been mired in drought, and rancher Dave Lindblom says that producers will take all the moisture they can get.

State Fire Meteorologist Darren Clabo says the moisture is welcome, though he says more is needed.

On the down side of things, South Dakota State University Extension cow-calf field specialist Warren Rusche says the state's calf crop is at significant risk.

Rusche says that wet, cold, windy conditions are the worst kind of weather to calve in, and it doesn't take much to lose a newborn calf.