



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.4. Utah's weather varied last week. Morning sunshine and scattered afternoon thunderstorms affected most of the state. Soil moisture content decreased from the previous week.

Field Crops Summary

Intense rain showers hit the Tremonton area in Box Elder County on Friday afternoon. In **Box Elder and Utah Counties**, farmers continued to bale alfalfa hay and straw. A small amount of hay received rain damage. Also, some windrows were blown around due to microburst winds. Corn continues to progress and mature. All corn is tasseled and most fields look good to very good. However, silage corn is still in the milk stage and it will be around three weeks before it can be chopped. Frost is a major concern for the corn harvest this year. Safflower fields are beginning to ripen and dry; harvest will begin soon. The onion crop is in good condition. Fruit and vegetable producers are harvesting: peaches, sweet corn, tomatoes, watermelons, and cantaloupes. Fruit and vegetable quality is very good, despite delays in the maturing process. A producer in the Corinne area reported problems with black birds getting into sweet corn. **Cache County** farmers are continuing to harvest small grains and hay. Producers have been experiencing some grasshopper damage in safflower fields. **Weber County** grain yields have been higher than average. **Sevier County** has been experiencing pockets of frost. **San Juan County** has been experiencing wet weather conditions which have hampered wheat harvest. Grasshoppers are a problem in the drier areas of **Summit County**. The third crop of alfalfa in **Beaver County** is in good condition.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County livestock producers reported that most cattle are in good condition. Some cases of dust pneumonia in cattle have been reported due to dry dusty conditions. Sheep producers are getting ready to gather range flocks and sort off the heavier lambs for market. Livestock prices have remained strong and producers are anticipating a good year financially. **Cache, Beaver, and Utah County** cattle and rangelands are doing well. Occasional rains have improved range conditions. **Summit County** producers continue to irrigate pastures.

**Crop Progress
for Week Ending August 29, 2010**

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Harvested (Grain)	85	72	84	86
Oats Harvested (Grain)	61	52	68	71
Spring Wheat Harvested	76	55	66	82
Winter Wheat Harvested	87	82	93	94
Corn Dough Stage	57	23	49	61
Alfalfa Third Cutting	38	22	49	59
Peach Harvested	30	14	43	45

**Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending August 29, 2010**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	1	5	27	53	14
Corn	1	1	23	69	6
Sheep	0	1	6	72	21
Cattle/calves	0	1	8	74	17

**Soil Moisture
for Week Ending August 29, 2010**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	6	35	59	0
Subsoil	7	34	59	0
Irrigation water supplies	7	20	72	1
Stock water supplies	3	15	81	1

Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - August 28, 2010

Site name	County	Precip to Date*	Weekly Precip	Avg Air Temp	Soil Moisture					Soil Temperature				
					2"	4"	8"	20"	40"	2"	4"	8"	20"	40"
		<i>in.</i>	<i>in.</i>	<i>° F</i>	<i>volume %</i>					<i>° F</i>				
WESTERN														
Grouse Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	<u>2.8</u>	0.05	73	2	6	12	18	18	76	75	76	68	66
Park Valley	<i>Box Elder</i>	<u>5.1</u>	0.03	77	1	4	13	28	27	75	77	76	71	68
Goshute	<i>Tooele</i>	<u>6.1</u>	0.00	75	5	20	18	40	39	71	74	74	70	68
Dugway	<i>Tooele</i>	8.0	0.00	80	30	35	41	nd	17	77	77	75	72	71
Tule Valley	<i>Millard</i>	<u>3.6</u>	0.00	83	6	9	23	13	8	83	87	87	83	80
Hal's Canyon	<i>Millard</i>	<u>3.3</u>	0.00	74	1	8	9	8	10	72	77	80	75	71
Enterprise	<i>Washington</i>	9.5	0.01	74	5	23	22	14	15	79	81	79	75	71
DIXIE														
Sand Hollow	<i>Washington</i>	<u>6.2</u>	0.00	88	0	0	1	1	1	78	90	96	87	82
NORTH CENTRAL														
Blue Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	7.8	0.00	77	9	15	23	26	23	78	80	78	72	67
Cache Junction	<i>Cache</i>	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
Grantsville	<i>Tooele</i>	10.0	0.00	81	2	6	27	26	25	79	78	77	73	71
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Nephi	<i>Juab</i>	10.8	0.02	77	11	15	14	8	4	77	78	77	72	69
Ephraim	<i>Sanpete</i>	6.4	0.00	70	2	11	16	15	30	70	73	72	66	64
Holden	<i>Millard</i>	8.7	0.00	78	2	5	4	12	14	77	77	76	73	71
Milford	<i>Beaver</i>	9.8	0.01	73	18	20	16	27	18	76	78	75	70	67
Manderfield	<i>Beaver</i>	<u>1.6</u>	0.00	69	6	15	15	12	6	70	74	73	68	64
Circleville	<i>Piute</i>	nd	nd	64	25	12	21	13	14	60	61	62	61	60
Panguitch	<i>Garfield</i>	<u>5.0</u>	0.01	63	11	19	15	21	33	62	65	63	61	58
Cave Valley	<i>Washington</i>	<u>5.0</u>	0.11	70	6	2	4	0	1	61	72	77	77	71
Vermillion	<i>Kane</i>	<u>3.6</u>	0.05	74	0	1	2	4	9	66	70	73	68	64
Spooky	<i>Kane</i>	<u>4.8</u>	0.00	77	6	7	6	23	5	78	77	79	74	71
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS														
Chicken Ridge	<i>Morgan</i>	12.4	0.30	70	1	2	7	4	8	60	60	60	60	66
Buffalo Jump	<i>Rich</i>	10.9	0.20	69	6	10	11	10	-	72	72	70	64	-
Morgan	<i>Morgan</i>	15.4	0.25	66	8	14	11	6	7	69	69	70	66	64
UINTAH BASIN														
Mountain Home	<i>Duchesne</i>	7.6	0.00	70	14	21	24	20	13	64	65	64	61	59
Little Red Fox	<i>Duchesne</i>	<u>6.2</u>	0.01	71	1	31	40	57	67	67	75	75	70	66
Split Mountain	<i>Uintah</i>	<u>5.1</u>	0.01	73	2	15	13	13	12	74	78	80	74	71
SOUTHEAST														
Price	<i>Carbon</i>	4.7	0.11	75	0	8	14	18	20	78	83	82	75	72
Green River	<i>Emery</i>	5.3	0.00	75	5	9	9	6	10	82	85	88	82	78
Harm's Way	<i>San Juan</i>	<u>5.5</u>	0.03	70	9	0	16	17	7	75	72	74	69	65
West Summit	<i>San Juan</i>	6.4	0.02	69	10	15	15	17	21	69	72	74	68	66
Eastland	<i>San Juan</i>	11.0	0.05	70	11	12	10	25	26	68	70	70	66	64
Alkali Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	10.4	0.17	74	8	10	16	19	14	70	71	72	71	68
McCracken Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	7.5	0.16	76	16	18	15	18	14	77	81	82	75	73

*since October 1, 2009 unless underlined (Park Valley 1/14/10; Goshute 3/1/10; Tule Valley 3/8/10; Hal's Canyon 3/9/10; Sand Hollow 1/27/10; Panguitch 1/25/10; Little Red Fox 1/20/10; Split Mountain 1/19/10; Harm's Way 3/3/10; Cave Valley 4/12/10; Vermillion 4/13/10; Spooky 4/14/10; Manderfield 4/16/10, Grouse Creek 5/4/10), nd missing data.

SCAN site locations and hourly data including wind speed, wind direction, relative humidity, barometric pressure, solar radiation, etc. are available at <http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/scan/utah/utah.html>