



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork across the State for the week ending May 4, 2014. Farm work is going well in **Beaver County**. Alfalfa is greening up good. In **Cache County**, timely spring rains have been ideal for new seedings of small grains, safflower and alfalfa. It has been a very dry spring in **Garfield and Kane Counties**. More moisture is needed. Pastures and ranges are drying up fast. Irrigation supplies are depleting. A cold freeze has stunted the growth of range grasses in **Morgan County**. The recent rains should help it recover and produce some new growth. Cold weather has slowed the growth of crops in **Weber County**, but it should warm up this week.

Field Crop Summary

Farmers in **Box Elder County** have been busy planting corn. In **Cache County**, virtually all crops are planted, with the exception of corn. Most growers will begin planting corn this week or next. Fertilizer and herbicides are being applied to small grains and forage crops. There was some concern last week of frost damage to new alfalfa because of freezing temperatures. Fortunately, it appears damage has been minimal. In Rich County, most spring planting has been completed. Alfalfa has not been planted yet for fear of killing frosts in the future. A storm on Monday had great timing as most of the County had applied fertilizer and the storm took it into the ground. Cold weather in **Weber County** has slowed the growth of crops but it should warm up this week.

Livestock Summary

Ranchers in **Box Elder County** continue branding and vaccinating calves in preparation for summer ranges. Virtually all beef producers in **Cache County** have now completed branding, vaccination and dehorning of calves. Cattle and sheep producers are putting their animals onto pastures and rangelands. The recent rains, followed by warmer weather, has really enhanced the productivity of grazing areas. Ranchers have been branding calves and working cows in preparation for turning them onto summer pastures in **Rich County**.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 4, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	8	40	51	1
Subsoil	8	34	55	3
Stock water supplies	3	22	73	2

Crop Progress & Development, Livestock Activity for Week Ending May 4, 2014

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Crop Progress			
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Barley Planted	96	91	86	80
Barley Emerged	82	72	64	63
Oats Planted	77	67	67	66
Oats Emerged	56	45	32	32
Spring Wheat Planted	96	90	94	83
Spring wheat Emerged	82	69	72	56
Corn Planted	33	9	35	23
Apricots Full Bloom	61	55	83	93
Peaches Full Bloom	78	26	63	79
Sweet Cherries Full Bloom	67	45	41	72
Cows Calved	90	85	94	93
Ewes Lamed Farm Flocks	93	89	86	91
Sheep Shorn Farm Flocks	87	83	82	84
Ewes Lamed Range Flocks	71	58	62	59
Sheep Shorn Range Flocks	88	82	74	74
Sheep & Lambs Moved to Pasture	57	33	49	34

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending May 4, 2014

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	-	7	41	48	4
Winter Wheat	-	4	19	58	19
Sheep	-	-	17	76	7
Cattle/calves	-	1	23	65	11

Soil Moisture - Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - May-4-2014

Site name	Weekly Precip	Current Precip ¹	Prev. Yr. Precip ²	Soil Moisture					Current Avail. Water**	Current Avail. Water % of AWC*	Prev. Yr. Avail. Water**	Prev. Yr. Avail. Water % of AWC*
				2"	4"	8"	20"	40"				
				volume %								
WESTERN												
Grouse Creek	0.16	6.6	4.7	7	18	22	26	21	5.0	74	5.8	85
Park Valley	0.02	5.1	5.5	4	8	14	25	25	3.0	69	2.6	59
Goshute	0.02	5.0	4.6	17	1	50	38	31	3.1	109	2.1	74
Dugway	0.04	4.1	3.7	19	26	34	nd	15	0.5	30	0.6	37
Tule Valley	0.00	3.2	4.6	13	15	23	19	10	4.9	98	5.5	110
Hal's Canyon	0.00	2.6	2.6	1	6	10	13	9	1.2	23	0.9	18
Enterprise	0.01	2.9	4.7	6	24	22	14	15	1.0	25	1.7	44
DIXIE												
Sand Hollow	0.00	4.7	3.8	2	3	0	1	0	0.2	8	0.2	7
NORTH CENTRAL												
Blue Creek	0.08	7.9	4.7	29	31	38	34	19	5.9	139	4.2	98
Cache Junction	0.07	10.3	8.4	27	29	42	37	37	4.2	106	4.1	104
Grantsville	0.14	6.1	5.9	8	14	22	31	nd	1.6	47	1.1	35
SOUTH CENTRAL												
Nephi	0.03	6.4	5.4	16	19	16	9	0	0.6	13	0.8	17
Ephraim	0.02	5.9	5.1	9	12	17	20	34	1.7	36	2.5	56
Holden	0.00	4.5	5.3	6	8	2	14	13	0.7	12	1.6	26
Milford	0.01	2.7	4.6	18	23	17	26	17	1.7	25	2.0	30
Manderfield	0.19	4.6	5.2	8	14	13	11	5	0.4	8	1.9	36
Circleville	0.01	2.5	2.2	18	18	13	9	15	1.5	22	0.4	6
Panguitch	0.00	3.3	2.3	9	19	14	20	30	1.6	27	1.3	22
Cave Valley	0.00	7.1	9.3	4	6	7	6	7	2.0	38	1.5	29
Vermillion	0.00	6.4	4.6	0	1	4	11	8	0.8	17	0.8	16
Spooky	0.00	4.1	2.8	3	2	5	20	2	0.8	32	0.8	31
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	0.04	3.8	6.6	18	20	25	25	26	6.0	84	6.4	89
Chicken Ridge, aspen	0.04	3.8	6.6	17	22	23	18	18	3.0	50	2.2	37
Buffalo Jump	0.01	4.7	5.7	10	14	16	16	na	1.1	25	2.3	54
Morgan	0.20	10.5	11.7	27	23	28	33	37	8.5	101	1.6	19
UINTAH BASIN												
Mountain Home	0.00	2.9	4.9	16	23	27	21	11	1.2	20	3.6	61
Little Red Fox	0.01	1.9	4.3	5	18	36	33	33	5.9	83	6.5	91
Split Mountain	0.01	4.4	3.5	6	19	13	13	11	1.4	20	2.1	32
SOUTHEAST												
Price	0.00	3.6	4.3	2	13	19	15	17	2.3	29	3.1	40
Green River	0.00	2.5	1.9	6	9	10	5	7	4.9	90	5.5	101
Harm's Way	0.61	5.7	3.1	3	15	21	16	6	2.5	49	3.5	69
West Summit	0.21	4.8	2.6	18	22	20	22	17	2.9	46	2.7	43
Eastland	0.07	4.8	3.0	16	15	22	31	32	6.1	102	6.5	109
Alkali Mesa	0.22	4.1	4.2	8	12	16	19	13	0.9	17	1.1	22
McCracken Mesa	0.02	4.2	4.7	12	17	18	16	13	2.4	66	4.0	108
¹ from: 10/01/2013 to present ² from: 10/01/12 to 05/04/13 na = no sensor Frozen soils read lower than actual soil moisture; affected soil in <i>bold italics</i>									What the colors mean:			
**plant available water in the top 40" of soil nd = missing data									= below wilting point (WP); too dry			
*AWC = available water capacity in the top 40" of soil									= between WP & FC; ideal			
									= above field capacity (FC); too wet			