



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.8. Mostly hot and dry weather was experienced across the state, with a few isolated rain showers. Soil moisture content decreased from the previous week.

## Field Crops Summary

In **Box Elder, Emery, and Utah Counties**, farmers have been preparing fields for fall planting of small grains. The majority of winter wheat is expected to be planted by the end of September. Alfalfa harvest continues this week. Third cutting of alfalfa is near completion. The fourth cutting of irrigated alfalfa is expected to begin in the next couple of weeks. Corn continues to progress even though the crop is behind schedule this year. Producers of silage corn will begin to chop the crop by mid September. Grain Corn producers hope to begin harvest by the first of October. Overall, corn is in good condition. Onions appear to be doing well. A few onions have been harvested; however, no reports have been received on yield or quality. Peach harvest in Utah County is well underway. **Cache County** received welcome rain showers early in the week. Since then, weather has been pleasant for harvesting small grains and hay. Growers have begun planting winter wheat. The second cutting of alfalfa in **Carbon County** was completed with very little rain damage. The lack of rain and hot conditions were beneficial to alfalfa harvest; however, the arid weather has stressed other crops. **Duchesne, Summit, and Garfield Counties** experienced low temperatures around freezing last week. The drop in temperature slowed crop progress; however, it also reduced the need for irrigation.

## Livestock Summary

**Box Elder and Utah County** producers reported that livestock are doing well. Ranges are becoming dry, but feed is still adequate for cattle. Some producers are using supplemental protein blocks on the ranges, and cattle have been responding well. Livestock water sources are dwindling in some areas, which will require the cattle to be moved to other pastures soon. Sheep producers will begin sorting lambs by mid September; the heavier lambs will be sent to market. Prices are good for both lambs and calves this year. **Cache County** dairy producers were relieved to see a slight increase in milk prices. **Duchesne County** livestock continue to do well, and will begin being moved from summer ranges within the next month. **Emery and Beaver County** livestock are in good condition.

Crop Progress  
for Week Ending September 5, 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)	92	85	92	91
Oats Harvested (Grain)	78	61	78	79
Spring Wheat Harvested	90	76	82	92
Winter Wheat Harvested	95	87	97	98
Corn Dough Stage	76	57	65	78
Corn Dent Stage	15	NA	NA	NA
Alfalfa Third Cutting	53	38	62	69
Peach Harvested	47	30	53	58

Crop & Livestock Condition  
for Week Ending September 5, 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	7	30	52	10
Corn	1	1	21	69	8
Sheep	0	1	6	71	22
Cattle/calves	0	1	7	73	19

Soil Moisture  
for Week Ending September 5, 2010

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	9	38	53	0
Subsoil	10	41	49	0
Irrigation water supplies	13	20	66	1
Stock water supplies	4	19	76	1

## Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - September 7, 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>				
<b>WESTERN</b>														
Grouse Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	<u>2.9</u>	0.00	47	1	4	11	18	18	53	64	68	65	65
Park Valley	<i>Box Elder</i>	<u>5.2</u>	0.00	52	0	1	12	22	27	55	64	70	69	67
Goshute	<i>Tooele</i>	<u>6.1</u>	0.00	48	5	19	17	39	39	50	59	67	67	66
Dugway	<i>Tooele</i>	8.2	0.00	56	30	33	40	nd	11	66	69	70	70	69
Tule Valley	<i>Millard</i>	<u>3.6</u>	0.00	59	4	7	21	13	9	61	73	80	79	79
Hal's Canyon	<i>Millard</i>	<u>3.3</u>	0.00	60	2	3	9	9	10	59	70	76	73	71
Enterprise	<i>Washington</i>	9.5	0.00	61	4	22	21	14	15	69	75	73	72	70
<b>DIXIE</b>														
Sand Hollow	<i>Washington</i>	<u>6.2</u>	0.00	80	0	0	0	0	1	68	83	89	84	80
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>														
Blue Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	8.0	0.00	49	9	14	21	26	23	62	69	70	68	66
Cache Junction	<i>Cache</i>	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
Grantsville	<i>Tooele</i>	10.4	0.00	54	3	6	26	26	24	60	67	71	70	70
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>														
Nephi	<i>Juab</i>	10.8	0.00	55	7	14	14	8	3	70	72	73	71	68
Ephraim	<i>Sanpete</i>	6.4	0.00	53	2	8	15	15	33	54	66	67	65	63
Holden	<i>Millard</i>	8.7	0.00	54	2	3	4	12	13	69	71	73	72	70
Milford	<i>Beaver</i>	9.8	0.00	57	13	20	16	28	17	70	73	71	69	67
Manderfield	<i>Beaver</i>	<u>1.6</u>	0.00	55	2	12	13	12	5	61	69	70	67	64
Circleville	<i>Piute</i>	nd	nd	56	10	9	17	13	13	58	60	59	58	58
Panguitch	<i>Garfield</i>	<u>5.0</u>	0.00	57	9	19	14	20	28	57	62	61	60	58
Cave Valley	<i>Washington</i>	<u>5.0</u>	0.00	64	0	1	0	0	1	48	70	74	71	68
Vermillion	<i>Kane</i>	<u>3.6</u>	0.00	67	0	2	3	4	8	58	66	69	66	64
Spooky	<i>Kane</i>	<u>4.8</u>	0.00	69	2	1	4	22	4	74	73	76	74	71
<b>NORTHERN MOUNTAINS</b>														
Chicken Ridge	<i>Morgan</i>	12.8	0.00	44	1	1	7	3	8	51	51	54	54	56
Buffalo Jump	<i>Rich</i>	11.2	0.00	47	5	10	11	9	-	61	64	64	62	-
Morgan	<i>Morgan</i>	15.8	0.00	49	4	10	11	6	6	60	61	64	64	63
<b>UINTAH BASIN</b>														
Mountain Home	<i>Duchesne</i>	7.6	0.00	51	13	20	23	20	12	57	58	59	58	58
Little Red Fox	<i>Duchesne</i>	<u>6.2</u>	0.00	56	0	24	31	51	64	51	66	67	67	65
Split Mountain	<i>Uintah</i>	<u>6.0</u>	0.00	58	1	13	13	13	12	58	67	74	72	70
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>														
Price	<i>Carbon</i>	4.7	0.00	60	1	7	13	18	20	67	75	76	74	71
Green River	<i>Emery</i>	5.6	0.00	68	5	8	9	5	10	72	77	82	79	77
Harm's Way	<i>San Juan</i>	<u>5.5</u>	0.00	62	5	1	16	17	7	70	64	71	69	65
West Summit	<i>San Juan</i>	<u>7.1</u>	0.00	61	11	16	15	17	21	59	63	68	66	65
Eastland	<i>San Juan</i>	11.4	0.00	62	9	11	8	24	24	64	68	68	65	63
Alkali Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	10.7	0.00	68	7	9	15	19	14	66	67	70	70	68
McCracken Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	7.5	0.00	73	8	13	15	18	14	74	79	80	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), <sup>nd</sup> 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>