



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.8. A storm moved across the state last Wednesday which brought significant rainfall to some areas. Soil moisture content increased from the previous week.

## Field Crops Summary

**Box Elder County** farmers continue to cut and bale alfalfa. The warm temperatures have allowed the alfalfa to dry quickly which has produced some very high quality hay. Corn silage harvest is well underway, but yield reports are quite varied, from moderate to very good. Grain corn continues to mature. Several producers are beginning to harvest safflower. One producer in the Howell area reported that safflower yield is average to below average. Onions are also being harvested in the county. Onion yields are reported to be good with total production per acre a little higher than average. However, some onion producers are concerned that the warm conditions could cause sun scald damage. Dryland wheat planting is nearly complete. **Morgan County** corn silage harvest is now underway. Alfalfa third cutting is nearly complete. **Weber County** corn is maturing and silage harvest should be in full swing this week. Yields are expected to be below average. **Utah County** peach harvest has been very good this year. Winter wheat planting has started; however, producers would like to see more moisture in the ground.

## Livestock Summary

**Box Elder County** fall and winter pastures are in poor condition. A summer with little moisture combined with grasshoppers and a large population of meadow voles has made some of the fall and winter pastures look as if they have been grazed heavily. There was very little green up in these pastures. Livestock producers are beginning to move cattle and sheep off of summer ranges. Producers report that cattle look good and lambs are also doing well. However, calf weight seems to be lighter than last year. **Beaver County** ranges and pastures are in desperate need of moisture. Livestock are in good condition. **Utah County** experienced a few mountain rain showers which helped to improve the very dry conditions. Flash floods in **Wayne County** brought welcome water which filled up some of the ponds on the desert ranges. Rains at this time of the growing season will improve winter range conditions.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending September 26, 2010

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Onions Harvested	26	19	59	64
Oats Harvested (Grain)	94	91	99	96
Winter Wheat Planted	62	42	61	53
Corn Dough Stage	94	87	98	99
Corn Dent Stage	63	43	92	86
Corn Mature	20	6	57	54
Corn Silage Harvested	25	NA	NA	NA
Alfalfa Third Cutting	80	72	87	92
Apple Harvested	39	25	34	44
Peach Harvested	87	76	78	91

## Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 26, 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	13	34	47	5
Corn	1	3	22	70	4
Sheep	0	0	6	75	19
Cattle/calves	0	1	12	73	14

## Livestock Percent for Week Ending September 26, 2010

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle Moved from Summer Range	24	16	27	37
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	27	13	0	37

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 26, 2010

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	9	41	49	1
Subsoil	7	44	49	0
Stock water supplies	7	16	76	1

## Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - September 27, 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>3.2</u>	0.00	63	1	6	11	17	17	57	64	65	62	62
Park Valley	<i>Box Elder</i>	<u>5.5</u>	0.00	65	0	2	12	23	24	60	66	69	66	65
Goshute	<i>Tooele</i>	<u>6.3</u>	0.00	63	4	19	17	37	34	55	62	66	64	64
Dugway	<i>Tooele</i>	8.2	0.00	66	28	30	40	nd	12	66	68	67	67	67
Tule Valley	<i>Millard</i>	<u>3.6</u>	0.00	70	4	7	22	12	8	65	74	77	75	75
Hal's Canyon	<i>Millard</i>	<u>3.3</u>	0.00	65	1	0	9	8	9	62	70	72	69	68
Enterprise	<i>Washington</i>	9.5	0.00	63	3	20	20	13	14	68	71	69	67	67
<b>DIXIE</b>														
Sand Hollow	<i>Washington</i>	<u>6.2</u>	0.00	80	0	0	0	0	1	67	79	83	78	77
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>														
Blue Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	8.1	0.00	65	8	13	21	25	22	65	69	69	66	63
Cache Junction	<i>Cache</i>	5.0	0.00	61	10	18	25	24	28	62	64	62	61	60
Grantsville	<i>Tooele</i>	10.5	0.03	67	1	5	24	28	25	64	68	69	68	69
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>														
Nephi	<i>Juab</i>	10.9	0.02	67	6	13	13	8	1	69	70	70	68	66
Ephraim	<i>Sanpete</i>	6.5	0.05	60	1	6	14	15	28	56	64	64	61	62
Holden	<i>Millard</i>	8.7	0.00	65	1	3	4	11	13	69	70	69	68	68
Milford	<i>Beaver</i>	10.0	0.25	61	8	18	15	27	18	67	68	65	65	65
Manderfield	<i>Beaver</i>	nd	nd	61	1	10	12	11	6	64	69	67	65	63
Circleville	<i>Piute</i>	nd	nd	58	24	17	24	12	13	55	56	56	55	57
Panguitch	<i>Garfield</i>	<u>5.0</u>	0.01	55	6	18	14	21	31	54	58	57	56	56
Cave Valley	<i>Washington</i>	<u>5.1</u>	0.00	68	0	1	0	1	0	62	68	70	65	65
Vermillion	<i>Kane</i>	<u>3.7</u>	0.02	69	0	1	2	3	8	57	62	65	62	62
Spooky	<i>Kane</i>	<u>4.9</u>	0.02	69	1	0	4	19	4	72	71	71	70	69
<b>NORTHERN MOUNTAINS</b>														
Chicken Ridge	<i>Morgan</i>	13.3	0.11	65	0	1	6	4	8	57	57	57	58	60
Buffalo Jump	<i>Rich</i>	11.5	0.05	63	5	9	11	9	-	63	64	63	59	-
Morgan	<i>Morgan</i>	16.3	0.09	60	3	8	10	5	5	60	60	62	60	59
<b>UINTAH BASIN</b>														
Mountain Home	<i>Duchesne</i>	7.7	0.01	62	14	22	24	20	12	55	56	56	55	55
Little Red Fox	<i>Duchesne</i>	<u>6.5</u>	0.21	61	1	20	24	20	54	56	65	64	63	62
Split Mountain	<i>Uintah</i>	<u>6.1</u>	0.07	62	1	13	11	12	12	62	65	70	67	67
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>														
Price	<i>Carbon</i>	4.7	0.00	67	0	6	12	17	20	69	75	74	70	69
Green River	<i>Emery</i>	6.2	0.45	64	12	10	8	5	10	65	68	71	70	72
Harm's Way	<i>San Juan</i>	<u>6.4</u>	0.55	64	13	4	15	16	7	67	62	67	65	64
West Summit	<i>San Juan</i>	7.8	0.44	64	14	20	14	16	20	56	58	62	60	62
Eastland	<i>San Juan</i>	13.2	1.31	63	20	18	9	23	23	60	63	62	61	61
Alkali Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	13.1	1.14	68	19	19	16	19	14	61	62	64	65	65
McCracken Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	8.8	0.90	69	21	22	14	17	14	69	72	73	69	70

\*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>