



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.5. Mostly sunny conditions blanketed the state last week, with a few isolated showers. Soil moisture content increased from the previous week.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder County farmers continued planting fall grains. Corn silage harvest is near completion. Some high moisture grain corn is being cut; however, the majority of grain corn is still too wet to harvest. Alfalfa producers are still trying to bale the last of their hay. Some fields are being green chopped and put in silage pits due to slow drying conditions. Onion producers have had great weather to harvest and store onions. Most report that the yields are average to a little above. Safflower harvest continues, but the majority of the crop has already been cut. Most of **Cache County's** crops are harvested now, with the exception of grain corn and safflower. Winter wheat is being planted. Fall plowing is also being done even though conditions are still dry. **Utah County** received scattered rains last week which aided the 2011 winter wheat crop. Apple harvest has nearly been completed. **Duchesne County** producers are still working hard to finish corn silage harvest. Corn for silage looks very good but has begun to dry out. Some producers are still harvesting third crop hay, while others are harvesting their fourth crop. **Summit County** fall tillage continues in the county. **Uintah County** has experienced frosts which have greatly hindered the growth of warm season crops.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County livestock producers continue to move livestock off of summer ranges and to wean calves. Producers are reporting that calves seem to be in good condition, but some cows have low body condition scores. Sheep producers continue to sort lambs and ship heavy lambs to market. Producers are preparing to flush ewes prior to the breeding season. Some producers had a higher than average predation rate this summer due to coyotes and bears. **Cache County** calves are being weaned and sold. Most calves are in good condition cattle have had access to good fall grazing. Most livestock in **Utah County** have been moved to fall pastures, and appear to be in good condition. **Duchesne, Uintah, and Summit County** producers continue to move livestock off of summer ranges and to deliver calves to buyers.

Crop Progress
for Week Ending October 17, 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	80	71	96	93
Winter Wheat Planted	87	85	88	84
Winter Wheat Emerged	54	6	NA	NA
Corn Dent Stage	86	77	100	98
Corn Mature	68	54	93	89
Corn Silage Harvested	88	70	NA	NA
Corn Grain Harvested	8	NA	31	34
Apple Harvested	79	69	89	79

Crop & Livestock Condition
for Week Ending October 17, 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	11	35	49	4
Corn	0	2	18	72	8
Sheep	0	0	6	78	16
Cattle/calves	0	1	9	76	14

Livestock Percent
for Week Ending October 17, 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	73	58	74	74
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	78	66	79	77

Soil Moisture
for Week Ending October 17, 2010

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	6	33	60	1
Subsoil	14	34	52	0
Stock water supplies	5	21	72	2

Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - October 18, 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>	0.3	0.01	53	0	5	11	17	16	52	55	56	56	58
Park Valley	<i>Box Elder</i>	0.1	0.03	56	0	0	11	26	25	56	58	60	61	63
Goshute	<i>Tooele</i>	0.7	0.02	54	14	26	14	23	30	51	53	56	56	59
Dugway	<i>Tooele</i>	0.2	0.02	62	28	33	38	nd	11	60	61	60	60	61
Tule Valley	<i>Millard</i>	0.6	0.00	62	11	12	22	12	8	56	60	64	65	67
Hal's Canyon	<i>Millard</i>	1.0	0.03	56	3	10	8	8	9	52	55	59	61	63
Enterprise	<i>Washington</i>	2.4	0.86	54	17	28	21	13	15	54	58	58	60	62
DIXIE														
Sand Hollow	<i>Washington</i>	2.0	0.65	65	11	9	4	7	1	61	64	68	69	71
NORTH CENTRAL														
Blue Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	0.4	0.05	56	14	13	19	24	21	54	57	58	58	60
Cache Junction	<i>Cache</i>	0.9	0.01	54	17	22	25	24	27	53	55	55	56	57
Grantsville	<i>Tooele</i>	0.2	0.00	63	1	5	23	25	24	61	62	62	63	66
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Nephi	<i>Juab</i>	0.3	0.02	57	14	14	12	7	0	56	57	58	60	61
Ephraim	<i>Sanpete</i>	0.6	0.14	53	8	7	14	15	30	52	56	56	56	58
Holden	<i>Millard</i>	0.8	0.03	60	5	6	4	11	13	58	58	60	60	63
Milford	<i>Beaver</i>	0.3	0.29	55	20	27	15	25	16	56	58	58	58	60
Manderfield	<i>Beaver</i>	1.9	0.17	51	11	16	12	10	5	51	54	55	56	57
Circleville	<i>Piute</i>	2.2	0.20	51	26	14	16	8	9	55	54	56	57	59
Panguitch	<i>Garfield</i>	2.9	0.14	44	17	32	25	20	34	47	49	48	51	54
Cave Valley	<i>Washington</i>	3.4	0.40	52	6	7	5	6	7	52	54	57	64	59
Vermillion	<i>Kane</i>	2.4	0.07	55	0	5	6	11	8	52	53	56	55	56
Spooky	<i>Kane</i>	2.2	0.05	59	6	6	7	24	4	60	59	61	62	62
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS														
Chicken Ridge	<i>Morgan</i>	1.1	0.00	50	12	7	13	6	14	47	47	48	49	50
Buffalo Jump	<i>Rich</i>	0.9	0.00	53	9	9	10	8	-	51	53	53	53	-
Morgan	<i>Morgan</i>	0.5	0.01	55	11	13	9	5	5	54	54	55	55	55
UINTAH BASIN														
Mountain Home	<i>Duchesne</i>	0.0	0.00	51	20	27	23	19	12	50	51	51	51	53
Little Red Fox	<i>Duchesne</i>	1.2	0.13	54	10	21	23	30	50	52	55	56	57	57
Split Mountain	<i>Uintah</i>	0.3	0.00	54	3	21	10	12	11	59	58	61	60	62
SOUTHEAST														
Price	<i>Carbon</i>	1.7	0.08	55	5	20	18	15	19	56	58	59	61	62
Green River	<i>Emery</i>	0.8	0.00	61	12	13	8	5	10	62	63	63	63	65
Harm's Way	<i>San Juan</i>	0.3	0.00	55	8	0	14	15	7	59	54	60	60	60
West Summit	<i>San Juan</i>	0.5	0.00	54	12	15	13	15	19	51	52	55	55	58
Eastland	<i>San Juan</i>	0.8	0.00	55	12	11	8	23	22	54	56	56	56	58
Alkali Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	0.6	0.00	59	10	13	15	18	14	56	57	59	61	61
McCracken Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	0.8	0.00	60	14	21	21	16	14	62	63	63	64	66

*since October 1, 2010, 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>