



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.2. Rain showers were experienced across much of the state last week. Soil moisture content increased from the previous week.

## Field Crops Summary

**Box Elder County** farmers began harvesting corn for grain, even though moisture levels remain high. The majority of alfalfa has been harvested; however, a few farmers continue to cut fourth crop alfalfa. Safflower harvest is near completion. Yields have been reported to generally be below average with a few exceptions. Fall wheat producers will be able to complete planting due to the increase in soil moisture content. The quality of wheat, which has already sprouted, is variable. Onion harvest is mostly complete with producers reporting better than expected yields. Last week's rains in **Cache County** were welcome even though they caused a delay in field work. Winter wheat that was planted in dry dirt will certainly benefit from the moisture. Due to the long fall, some farmers in **Weber County** are harvesting a fifth crop of alfalfa.

## Livestock Summary

**Box Elder County** livestock producers have moved the majority of cattle off of summer ranges. Calves continue to be weaned and shipped to buyers. Most cattle are in good condition. Prices for calves have been excellent this fall. In **Carbon County** cattle and sheep are in good condition. Recent rains have helped to reduce concerns about winter range and stock water availability. **Summit County** livestock producers are continuing to sell calves. **Beaver County** livestock seem to be in better condition than they normally are this time of year. In **Garfield and Kane Counties**, on many winter ranges, the amount of forage is good but stock water is short. **Wayne County** lower elevation ranges have greened up some.

Crop Progress  
for Week Ending October 24, 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	99	80	100	99
Winter Wheat Planted	91	87	95	94
Winter Wheat Emerged	68	54	NA	NA
Corn Dent Stage	90	86	100	100
Corn Mature	77	68	96	93
Corn Grain Harvested	22	8	48	51
Corn Silage Harvested	93	88	NA	NA
Apple Harvested	96	79	95	88

Crop & Livestock Condition  
for Week Ending October 24, 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	3	16	31	48	2
Corn	1	3	15	72	9
Sheep	0	0	8	80	12
Cattle/calves	0	1	13	76	10

Livestock Percent  
for Week Ending October 24, 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	88	73	82	85
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	80	78	87	88

Soil Moisture  
for Week Ending October 24, 2010

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	1	33	64	2
Subsoil	11	38	50	1
Stock water supplies	4	17	78	1

## Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - October 25, 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>	1.8	1.47	43	17	27	11	17	16	41	47	50	54	57
Park Valley	<i>Box Elder</i>	1.3	1.22	46	16	19	10	20	27	47	49	55	59	61
Goshute	<i>Tooele</i>	1.0	0.32	54	17	26	14	23	32	50	51	53	54	58
Dugway	<i>Tooele</i>	0.5	0.25	53	28	34	38	nd	11	54	55	56	59	60
Tule Valley	<i>Millard</i>	0.8	0.24	58	13	13	21	12	8	57	58	60	62	65
Hal's Canyon	<i>Millard</i>	1.3	0.33	53	7	12	9	8	9	51	52	54	58	62
Enterprise	<i>Washington</i>	3.3	0.90	51	17	41	35	13	15	49	52	52	56	60
<b>DIXIE</b>														
Sand Hollow	<i>Washington</i>	3.0	0.97	61	6	7	6	8	0	60	62	62	63	67
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>														
Blue Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	2.5	2.06	44	38	33	19	24	22	47	50	52	56	58
Cache Junction	<i>Cache</i>	2.6	1.71	48	38	38	42	24	27	49	50	51	53	56
Grantsville	<i>Tooele</i>	0.5	0.32	55	5	5	23	24	25	54	56	58	62	65
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>														
Nephi	<i>Juab</i>	0.3	0.03	49	13	14	11	7	0	52	52	54	57	60
Ephraim	<i>Sanpete</i>	0.8	0.24	47	9	7	14	14	30	46	52	53	54	57
Holden	<i>Millard</i>	1.3	0.57	51	8	5	4	11	12	53	54	55	58	62
Milford	<i>Beaver</i>	0.9	0.61	51	27	30	14	26	16	51	52	54	57	60
Manderfield	<i>Beaver</i>	2.8	0.91	47	20	23	11	10	5	48	50	51	54	56
Circleville	<i>Piute</i>	2.8	0.64	49	29	15	15	8	9	49	49	51	54	58
Panguitch	<i>Garfield</i>	3.5	0.61	46	14	35	26	20	35	47	48	48	50	53
Cave Valley	<i>Washington</i>	4.4	0.99	47	14	8	8	7	7	52	49	50	64	55
Vermillion	<i>Kane</i>	2.7	0.30	47	2	6	5	10	8	48	49	51	52	55
Spooky	<i>Kane</i>	2.9	0.62	53	6	7	6	23	4	52	51	53	57	59
<b>NORTHERN MOUNTAINS</b>														
Chicken Ridge	<i>Morgan</i>	2.7	1.65	38	26	14	22	6	23	43	43	44	44	43
Buffalo Jump	<i>Rich</i>	1.6	0.75	42	8	8	10	8	-	46	47	48	51	-
Morgan	<i>Morgan</i>	1.7	1.15	47	31	25	10	5	5	51	51	52	53	54
<b>UINTAH BASIN</b>														
Mountain Home	<i>Duchesne</i>	nd	nd	41	21	25	23	19	12	46	47	48	49	51
Little Red Fox	<i>Duchesne</i>	1.4	0.22	45	12	21	23	35	51	47	50	51	54	56
Split Mountain	<i>Uintah</i>	0.7	0.33	46	3	21	10	12	11	54	53	53	58	60
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>														
Price	<i>Carbon</i>	2.2	0.51	45	8	19	18	15	18	49	51	52	57	60
Green River	<i>Emery</i>	1.8	0.95	53	20	21	8	5	9	55	56	57	60	63
Harm's Way	<i>San Juan</i>	1.6	1.31	46	17	11	27	15	7	51	49	54	56	58
West Summit	<i>San Juan</i>	1.0	0.46	44	15	19	12	15	19	46	47	51	52	56
Eastland	<i>San Juan</i>	1.8	0.97	44	23	17	9	23	22	49	51	51	54	56
Alkali Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	1.3	0.67	46	11	20	15	18	13	49	49	53	57	60
McCracken Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	1.4	0.53	51	22	22	20	16	14	53	54	56	60	64

\*since October 1, 2010, <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>