



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.4. Rain and snow slowed field work across much of the state last week. Soil moisture content increased from the previous week.

## Field Crops Summary

**Box Elder County** grain corn harvest did not see much progress last week due to wet and muddy field conditions. Grain corn moisture levels remained high as well. Warmer temperatures and dry weather are in the forecast the majority of the week which should allow field activity to resume. Producers continue to plant fall grains. Some fields currently occupied with grain corn will be planted with wheat as soon as the corn is harvested. Alfalfa hay prices seem to have strengthened in the county. **Cache County** safflower yields have been good. Growers of grain corn are having difficulty with harvest because of high moisture content. There appears to be an increased interest in purchasing alfalfa and grass hay. Hay prices per ton are increasing each week. **Utah County** grain corn harvest is underway, wet conditions have slowed the harvest. **Duchesne County** producers have started to harvest high moisture grain corn and are waiting for the rest of the grain corn to dry down more. Farmers have started working fields in some areas to prepare for next year's crops. **Emery County** the majority of fall harvest is complete. Corn for grain is still being harvested in parts of the county.

## Livestock Summary

**Box Elder, Utah, and Cache County** beef producers gathered their cattle from summer ranges and have brought them to winter pastures. Most calves have been weaned and shipped to buyers. The remaining calves should be shipped by the end of the month. Sheep producers have moved their herds to fields in preparation for the breeding season. Sheep herds are reportedly in good condition. **Duchesne County** producers continue to remove cattle from summer ranges. Many producers in the county are nearly complete moving cattle off of summer ranges, while others are just beginning the process. **Emery County** winter ranges are in very good condition.

Crop Progress  
for Week Ending October 31, 2010

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter Wheat Planted	92	91	99	98
Winter Wheat Emerged	73	68	69	74
Corn Dent Stage	92	90	100	100
Corn Mature	83	77	99	97
Corn Grain Harvested	26	22	60	58
Corn Silage Harvested	98	93	NA	NA

Crop & Livestock Condition  
for Week Ending October 31, 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	32	53	3
Corn	1	3	19	67	10
Sheep	0	0	8	74	18
Cattle/calves	0	1	9	75	15

Livestock Percent  
for Week Ending October 31, 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	94	88	94	92
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	99	80	95	95

Soil Moisture  
for Week Ending October 31, 2010

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	1	19	77	3
Subsoil	9	35	56	0
Stock water supplies	3	18	78	1

## Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - October 28, 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>	1.9	1.62	30	12	23	22	16	16	35	40	44	49	55
Park Valley	<i>Box Elder</i>	1.4	1.33	32	12	13	12	28	27	36	39	46	54	60
Goshute	<i>Tooele</i>	1.3	0.52	30	15	25	20	35	26	31	36	45	50	57
Dugway	<i>Tooele</i>	0.9	0.64	36	26	32	36	nd	8	42	46	50	56	58
Tule Valley	<i>Millard</i>	1.1	0.42	37	15	12	21	11	7	36	43	51	56	63
Hal's Canyon	<i>Millard</i>	1.4	0.24	35	6	11	8	7	8	35	40	46	56	60
Enterprise	<i>Washington</i>	3.3	0.68	34	13	37	33	13	15	39	45	46	53	60
<b>DIXIE</b>														
Sand Hollow	<i>Washington</i>	3.0	0.51	52	5	5	6	8	0	49	53	56	58	65
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>														
Blue Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	2.5	2.08	31	31	31	20	23	22	38	42	45	51	57
Cache Junction	<i>Cache</i>	2.7	1.77	34	32	33	31	23	27	40	43	46	51	55
Grantsville	<i>Tooele</i>	0.9	0.75	38	15	4	21	25	24	39	46	52	60	65
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>														
Nephi	<i>Juab</i>	0.9	0.62	35	24	23	11	7	0	43	45	48	54	59
Ephraim	<i>Sanpete</i>	1.1	0.53	34	12	10	13	14	29	36	44	47	52	56
Holden	<i>Millard</i>	2.0	1.19	33	11	11	5	11	12	43	45	49	54	61
Milford	<i>Beaver</i>	2.6	2.06	33	26	30	14	25	17	41	45	48	55	59
Manderfield	<i>Beaver</i>	3.0	0.98	30	18	25	10	10	5	37	43	46	50	55
Circleville	<i>Piute</i>	5.0	2.56	31	29	15	15	7	9	40	40	44	51	57
Panguitch	<i>Garfield</i>	3.7	0.50	31	15	35	26	20	34	38	41	42	49	53
Cave Valley	<i>Washington</i>	4.4	0.78	38	6	7	7	7	8	52	41	44	64	53
Vermillion	<i>Kane</i>	2.9	0.44	36	1	7	5	10	8	32	35	41	46	53
Spooky	<i>Kane</i>	2.9	0.29	39	5	7	6	23	4	41	40	45	53	56
<b>NORTHERN MOUNTAINS</b>														
Chicken Ridge	<i>Morgan</i>	2.9	1.81	23	20	13	21	15	24	35	35	37	38	36
Buffalo Jump	<i>Rich</i>	1.8	0.92	27	15	8	10	8	-	36	38	41	48	-
Morgan	<i>Morgan</i>	2.8	2.30	33	23	26	25	5	5	42	42	46	49	52
<b>UINTAH BASIN</b>														
Mountain Home	<i>Duchesne</i>	nd	nd	30	29	35	25	19	12	39	41	43	46	50
Little Red Fox	<i>Duchesne</i>	1.7	0.43	35	8	20	22	29	51	33	41	44	49	54
Split Mountain	<i>Uintah</i>	0.9	0.50	36	7	26	9	11	11	33	39	47	54	59
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>														
Price	<i>Carbon</i>	2.4	0.49	35	8	20	17	14	18	37	41	44	52	58
Green River	<i>Emery</i>	1.8	0.79	41	16	18	8	4	10	39	42	46	54	62
Harm's Way	<i>San Juan</i>	1.9	1.54	31	16	7	27	14	7	40	36	45	52	57
West Summit	<i>San Juan</i>	1.2	0.59	30	19	23	12	15	20	35	36	42	47	55
Eastland	<i>San Juan</i>	2.0	0.98	31	23	20	9	22	22	38	42	43	50	55
Alkali Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	1.5	0.73	36	13	18	14	18	13	37	36	44	53	58
McCracken Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	1.4	0.30	40	20	20	19	16	14	42	46	49	56	62

\*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>