



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Snows and frigid weather dominated the week. There were 2.6 days suitable for field work. Harvest is complete for most crops except for some corn that remains to be harvested. Cattle are on winter pastures or being fed.

## Field Crops Summary

Field activity in **Box Elder County** has just about come to an end for the year. Some grain corn was still being harvested but with two snowstorms this week the grain corn harvest has just about wrapped up. There are just a few fields remaining and most producers report that yields are down 10 to 30 bushel per acre; but they are grateful for the long fall that allowed the corn to mature. Freezing weather should allow the rest of the corn to be harvested in the next couple of weeks. **Cache County** is covered with a blanket of snow and no fieldwork is taking place. Crops are all harvested in **Morgan County**, and recent storms have brought all field work to a close for the time being in **Weber County**. The cold wet spring set corn maturity back, but the late fall allowed it to reach harvest maturity, and yields were only slightly below normal.

## Livestock Summary

**Box Elder county** livestock producers have either started feeding some hay or have moved their livestock to winter desert pastures. The livestock seem to be doing well but will require more energy now with the colder temperatures. Sheep producers are trying to finish the breeding season in the next two weeks and then will move their sheep to winter desert ranges, mostly on BLM permits. They report that lamb prices have been strong and most of the lambs have been sold, or if they were retained, they are in feed lots in other states. Most of this year's crop of lambs will go to slaughter in the next 60 to 90 days. **Cache County** reports that cattle are eating lots of hay since their appetites go up as temperatures go down. Livestock in **Morgan County** been moved off of the range for the winter. Extreme cold temperatures in **Wayne County** have impacted a few ranchers that are starting to calve heifers prior to their main herd calving the first of December. Some calves have frozen to death and the amount of hay being fed is way above normal for this time of year.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending November 28, 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 Emerged	93	90	95	99
Corn Grain Harvested	83	71	90	88

### Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending November 28, 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	10	30	56	3
Sheep	0	0	11	69	20
Cattle/calves	0	1	10	71	18

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending November 28, 2010

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	7	83	10
Subsoil	4	27	69	0
Stock water supplies	0	11	88	1

## Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - November 29, 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>	3.1	0.05	20	12	23	25	15	16	34	35	37	40	45
Park Valley	<i>Box Elder</i>	2.1	0.03	22	10	11	15	26	24	34	34	35	41	48
Goshute	<i>Tooele</i>	2.5	0.31	24	13	25	21	26	30	31	32	34	38	46
Dugway	<i>Tooele</i>	2.2	0.16	24	33	39	37	md	15	31	32	35	43	45
Tule Valley	<i>Millard</i>	2.3	0.22	24	12	14	19	11	6	31	33	35	40	49
Hal's Canyon	<i>Millard</i>	2.2	0.07	23	3	7	11	7	8	30	31	33	43	50
Enterprise	<i>Washington</i>	4.6	0.04	27	7	36	32	13	15	31	33	33	40	49
<b>DIXIE</b>														
Sand Hollow	<i>Washington</i>	3.9	0.19	38	12	6	6	6	0	34	36	38	41	49
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>														
Blue Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	3.4	0.05	22	33	32	35	22	21	35	36	37	41	46
Cache Junction	<i>Cache</i>	4.6	0.25	22	35	35	37	22	26	35	35	37	42	47
Grantsville	<i>Tooele</i>	2.5	0.10	25	10	7	22	23	24	32	33	38	48	57
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>														
Nephi	<i>Juab</i>	2.4	0.05	26	22	24	19	7	0	32	33	34	41	48
Ephraim	<i>Sanpete</i>	1.9	0.08	26	9	13	13	14	30	31	33	34	40	48
Holden	<i>Millard</i>	2.6	0.00	26	7	6	6	10	12	32	33	35	40	50
Milford	<i>Beaver</i>	3.4	0.11	26	15	25	15	24	16	31	33	35	43	50
Manderfield	<i>Beaver</i>	3.6	0.25	23	12	19	11	10	5	32	33	35	40	45
Circleville	<i>Piute</i>	5.2	0.00	25	15	8	13	7	8	30	29	32	39	47
Panguitch	<i>Garfield</i>	4.2	0.06	22	15	30	23	19	34	32	33	34	39	46
Cave Valley	<i>Washingto</i>	6.2	0.68	24	6	8	9	7	8	52	34	35	64	42
Vermillion	<i>Kane</i>	4.1	0.25	23	0	8	7	8	8	30	33	35	38	43
Spooky	<i>Kane</i>	3.4	0.00	31	2	2	5	21	3	31	30	33	39	44
<b>NORTHERN MOUNTAINS</b>														
Chicken Ridge	<i>Morgan</i>	3.9	0.16	17	19	12	20	16	23	34	34	35	35	33
Buffalo Jump	<i>Rich</i>	2.8	0.06	19	9	13	11	7	-	32	32	34	39	-
Morgan	<i>Morgan</i>	4.5	0.42	22	25	27	27	12	5	37	37	38	40	42
<b>UINTAH BASIN</b>														
Mountain Home	<i>Duchesne</i>	2.0	0.10	22	23	30	30	18	12	32	33	34	37	42
Little Red Fox	<i>Duchesne</i>	2.2	0.02	25	5	18	20	29	45	27	27	29	35	43
Split Mountain	<i>Uintah</i>	2.1	0.02	23	9	18	14	10	10	28	28	30	38	47
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>														
Price	<i>Carbon</i>	2.6	0.00	24	1	12	16	13	17	28	29	30	38	44
Green River	<i>Emery</i>	2.1	0.00	29	9	10	9	3	9	29	30	30	37	47
Harm's Way	<i>San Juan</i>	2.4	0.00	26	13	3	24	13	6	33	32	35	40	46
West Summit	<i>San Juan</i>	1.4	0.00	25	12	14	12	13	19	29	29	32	35	43
Eastland	<i>San Juan</i>	2.2	0.00	25	13	15	11	21	21	31	32	33	38	44
Alkali Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	1.7	0.03	27	8	10	13	16	12	32	32	35	40	46
McCracken	<i>San Juan</i>	1.5	0.01	32	10	14	14	15	13	35	37	38	44	51

\*since October 1, 2010 , <sup>md</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>