



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

For the week ending August 25, 2013 there were 6.2 days suitable for field work. Summer rains are really greening up the pastures and range in **Beaver County** but making it hard to put up hay. The weather continued hot and dry in **Box Elder County** with typical mid August weather. Weather conditions in **Cache County** continue hot and dry. **Duchesne County** has received some good rainstorms this past week which were badly needed. Some areas of the County received hail this past week as well. Monsoon rains have alleviated drought stressed ranges and tight irrigation supplies in **Garfield County**. Heavy rains have caused flooding in some areas of **Iron County**.

Field Crop Summary

Farmers were busy irrigating corn and alfalfa in **Box Elder County**. They were also cutting and baling hay and preparing grain stubble fields for fall planting of grain or alfalfa. Corn continued to progress well. Some of the early planted fields are in the dent stage and they look really good. Producers are anticipating good yields this year. In **Cache County**, irrigation water continues to dwindle as growers continue to irrigate. Most of the concern is for corn where more irrigation is necessary. Some growers are working land in preparation for planting winter wheat or barley. Most are waiting, however, before the seed is planted, in hopes of some rain storms. In **Weber County**, spider mites continued to dry up many corn fields. Farmers expect some reduction in yield on a few fields, but not severe.

Livestock Summary

Livestock are doing well in **Beaver County**. Livestock producers in **Box Elder County** are watching pastures very closely and may have to leave summer ranges early. Fall pastures at lower elevations are extremely dry. Prices for both lambs and calves have been good. In **Cache County**, non-irrigated pastures and rangelands are not at all productive at this point. Ranchers are quite concerned about adequate feed supplies for their animals.

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending August 25, 2013

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	10	23	41	26	0
Oats	0	1	21	69	9
Corn	0	0	17	65	18
Sheep	0	1	25	69	5
Cattle/calves	0	2	25	68	5

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 25, 2013

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	16	45	38	1
Subsoil	30	37	33	0
Irrigation water supplies	40	34	26	0
Stock water supplies	23	38	38	1

Crop Progress & Development for Week Ending August 25, 2013

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Crop Progress			
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Barley Harvested (Grain)	84	73	93	81
Oats Harvested (Grain)	73	45	80	58
Oats Harvested Silage/Hay	95	94	93	96
Spring Wheat Harvested	84	66	95	71
Winter Wheat Harvested	94	85	95	87
Corn Silk Stage	97	92	99	94
Corn Dough Stage	54	22	51	38
Corn Dent Stage	6	NA	NA	NA
Alfalfa Third Cutting	48	24	83	40
Peaches Harvested	30	24	33	29

Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - August 25, 2013

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>	7.7	0.33	64	4	5	12	15	16	63	70	72	70	68
Park Valley	<i>Box Elder</i>	8.3	0.00	68	1	0	11	28	25	72	77	78	76	70
Goshute	<i>Tooele</i>	6.3	0.02	64	8	0	54	42	35	62	67	71	71	69
Dugway	<i>Tooele</i>	6.7	0.53	71	18	28	39	nd	13	67	71	73	74	73
Tule Valley	<i>Millard</i>	5.2	0.16	68	11	9	25	13	12	60	69	77	80	82
Hal's Canyon	<i>Millard</i>	4.3	0.27	62	6	5	9	11	10	56	62	71	75	72
Enterprise	<i>Washington</i>	7.6	0.68	59	14	20	21	14	15	59	68	70	73	70
DIXIE														
Sand Hollow	<i>Washington</i>	5.7	0.13	76	0	0	0	1	0	75	80	85	84	83
NORTH CENTRAL														
Blue Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	8.1	0.00	69	7	12	21	24	19	77	79	79	76	70
Cache Junction	<i>Cache</i>	10.7	0.00	67	12	14	26	27	26	69	70	69	67	62
Grantsville	<i>Tooele</i>	8.8	0.37	72	3	16	27	28	nd	70	74	75	73	nd
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Nephi	<i>Juab</i>	8.0	0.10	64	10	15	15	8	7	71	72	73	73	69
Ephraim	<i>Sanpete</i>	8.7	0.52	62	14	11	15	15	36	64	66	66	63	62
Holden	<i>Millard</i>	6.7	0.09	66	3	4	4	12	15	73	76	77	77	74
Milford	<i>Beaver</i>	6.1	0.36	61	5	13	16	30	19	69	73	74	74	71
Manderfield	<i>Beaver</i>	9.7	0.90	57	16	12	12	11	6	59	64	66	67	66
Circleville	<i>Piute</i>	7.2	0.83	56	3	3	5	10	10	86	62	90	68	65
Panguitch	<i>Garfield</i>	6.5	0.68	55	5	19	13	21	26	61	62	62	62	58
Cave Valley	<i>Washington</i>	12.5	1.35	60	4	10	8	0	1	58	61	64	71	70
Vermillion	<i>Kane</i>	7.1	0.40	62	0	0	2	4	7	56	61	67	66	66
Spooky	<i>Kane</i>	5.3	0.28	67	7	8	4	11	2	72	70	75	76	74
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS														
Chicken Ridge	<i>Morgan</i>	8.8	0.70	58	1	11	3	10	3	58	59	60	65	59
Buffalo Jump	<i>Rich</i>	7.4	0.29	60	3	8	8	8	na	64	66	66	66	na
Morgan	<i>Morgan</i>	13.9	0.03	62	21	20	22	34	39	70	71	72	69	66
UINTAH BASIN														
Mountain Home	<i>Duchesne</i>	7.0	0.00	60	13	20	23	20	11	63	64	63	62	60
Little Red Fox	<i>Duchesne</i>	6.8	0.50	62	18	13	19	22	20	63	68	70	69	67
Split Mountain	<i>Uintah</i>	5.3	0.33	68	4	11	10	15	14	70	75	78	77	74
SOUTHEAST														
Price	<i>Carbon</i>	6.5	0.33	65	3	8	13	17	21	67	73	76	74	72
Green River	<i>Emery</i>	3.4	0.11	70	4	6	8	6	9	75	79	81	81	79
Harm's Way	<i>San Juan</i>	7.7	0.28	64	7	0	14	14	6	70	66	71	70	66
West Summit	<i>San Juan</i>	6.8	0.22	64	9	14	15	16	18	67	69	72	68	65
Eastland	<i>San Juan</i>	6.6	0.28	65	8	11	8	24	21	70	71	72	69	67
Alkali Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	7.9	0.15	67	7	8	16	19	14	73	72	74	73	71
McCracken Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	6.5	0.42	66	27	11	13	17	14	69	77	79	73	75

*since October 1, 2012, nd=missing data, na=no sensor

SCAN site locations and hourly data including wind speed, wind direction, relative humidity, solar radiation, etc. are available at <http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/scan/utah/utah.html>