



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

There were 5.3 days suitable for field work in the week ending September 8, 2013. In **Beaver County** rains slowed down third crop haying. Pastures and ranges were looking good. Most areas in **Box Elder County** received about 3/4 of an inch of rain with some areas reporting up to an inch and half. Recent gentle fall rains helped restore topsoil moisture in **Carbon County** but there was not enough rain to improve subsoil moisture. Thunder showers in **Garfield and Kane Counties** hindered hay harvesting. In **Sevier County** rain prevented harvest of alfalfa hay. Forage that had already been cut for hay was severely damaged from rain and mold. Heavy rains have both helped and hurt producers in **Utah County**. Growers were putting up hay, fruit crops, and chopping corn. Rain has helped the pastures, ranges, and fall seeded crops.

Field Crop Summary

Many farmers in **Box Elder County** were finishing up third crop alfalfa. Some of it got rained on in the windrow. Silage corn is being harvested and packed into the silage pits. Fall grain planting is moving along and will increase this week as fields dry a little and producers have a chance to evaluate soil moisture levels. Safflower was being harvested in many locations throughout the county. The yields reported so far have been average to above. In **Cache County** this has been a difficult week to put up hay. The hay that was in the windrow last week during the storm is very marginal. Safflower and corn silage will soon be ready to harvest. August moisture has winter wheat seeding a little ahead of normal in **San Juan County**.

Livestock Summary

Livestock producers in **Box Elder County** were encouraged by much needed rain this past week. Sheep producers will begin sorting lambs and bringing herds out of the mountains to crop residue in the near future. Ranchers continue to be concerned about fall grazing. The calf crop appears to be lighter this season due mostly to poor range conditions. In **Carbon County**, summer range has been improved by recent rain showers.

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 8, 2013

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	4	16	46	31	3
Corn	0	0	16	63	21
Sheep	0	0	26	69	5
Cattle/calves	0	2	22	72	4

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 8, 2013

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	9	39	51	1
Subsoil	21	37	42	0
Irrigation water supplies	27	35	37	1
Stock water supplies	13	31	53	3

Crop Progress & Development, Livestock Activity for Week Ending September 8, 2013

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Crop Progress			
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Harvested (Grain)	96	91	95	93
Oats Harvested(Grain)	88	79	85	79
Spring Wheat Harvested	98	91	96	93
Winter Wheat Planted	22	NA	4	6
Corn Dough Stage	84	80	85	74
Corn Dent Stage	49	33	45	24
Corn Mature	12	NA	9	6
Alfalfa Third Cutting	66	56	85	64
Onions Harvested	5	NA	11	19
Peaches Harvested	74	68	54	53
Apples Harvested	14	NA	7	8
Cattle Moved from Summer Range	6	NA	NA	NA
Sheep Moved from Summer Range	6	NA	NA	NA

Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - September 9, 2013

Site name	County	Precip to Date ^a	Weekly Precip	Avg Air Temp	Soil Moisture					Soil Temperature				
					2"	4"	8"	20"	40"	2"	4"	8"	20"	40"
					volume %					°F				
		in.	in.	°F										
WESTERN														
Grouse Creek	Box Elder	0.5	0.02	63	6	12	12	16	16	64	57	70	67	66
Park Valley	Box Elder	9.0	1.44	64	9	13	15	20	24	66	50	71	71	70
Goshute	Tooele	7.3	0.76	63	23	1	46	35	29	59	33	60	67	67
Dugway	Tooele	0.1	0.53	67	26	32	39	nd	16	65	59	70	72	71
Tule Valley	Milford	5.0	0.33	66	10	13	25	15	11	64	70	75	77	79
Hal's Canyon	Milford	5.2	0.77	63	12	14	9	11	9	64	56	71	72	71
Enterprise	Washington	0.7	0.45	62	7	23	22	14	16	64	71	71	72	69
DIXIE														
Sand Hollow	Washington	6.9	0.10	71	3	4	2	1	1	73	76	70	80	80
NORTH CENTRAL														
Blue Creek	Box Elder	9.1	1.04	64	23	14	20	23	19	67	70	71	71	69
Cache Junction	Cache	11.2	0.50	66	14	14	25	20	26	65	57	67	66	63
Granville	Tooele	9.5	0.75	67	5	17	20	26	nd	69	73	75	72	nd
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Nephi	Utah	0.3	0.13	62	10	15	14	0	6	70	72	73	72	69
Ephraim	Wasatch	9.5	0.00	62	14	16	16	16	35	64	56	67	64	62
Holden	Milford	7.3	0.00	65	5	5	4	13	15	71	73	75	74	73
Milford	Beaver	6.0	0.09	64	11	14	15	30	10	70	73	73	72	69
Manderfield	Beaver	11.4	0.25	60	12	21	14	12	6	63	55	66	65	64
Circleville	Piute	0.7	0.75	59	nd	12	9	10	nd	66	54	66	67	nd
Panguitch	Garfield	6.4	1.61	57	24	27	24	21	27	60	50	60	60	50
Cave Valley	Washington	14.3	0.71	59	4	9	0	5	0	62	54	66	66	60
Vermillion	Kane	9.4	1.04	50	2	11	0	4	0	59	50	64	65	64
Spooky	Kane	7.7	1.01	63	12	13	0	11	2	76	73	70	76	74
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS														
Chicksee Ridge	Morgan	10.3	1.02	53	14	11	3	11	3	56	56	50	61	59
Buffalo Jump	Rich	0.5	1.03	55	13	7	0	0	na	59	51	63	62	na
Morgan	Morgan	14.4	0.52	59	19	21	23	34	30	66	57	70	69	66
UINTAH BASIN														
Mountain Home	Duchesne	7.0	0.00	50	13	20	22	19	10	63	54	64	63	60
Little Red Fox	Duchesne	7.3	0.23	62	5	15	20	22	19	69	73	74	70	67
Split Mountain	Utah	5.0	0.22	65	4	13	10	15	13	69	71	75	76	73
SOUTHEAST														
Price	Carbon	7.5	0.43	62	0	10	14	17	22	63	50	72	74	71
Green River	Emery	4.1	0.33	69	3	7	0	6	9	73	73	70	80	70
Harm's Way	San Juan	0.5	0.00	63	10	0	19	15	7	71	50	73	71	67
West Summit	San Juan	7.5	0.00	64	9	15	14	16	10	67	59	71	60	66
Eastland	San Juan	7.2	0.00	64	0	11	0	24	21	69	71	72	70	69
Alkali Mesa	San Juan	0.2	0.00	66	0	9	17	20	15	71	71	73	73	71
McCracken Mesa	San Juan	7.0	0.00	65	10	19	15	17	14	73	76	77	73	75

^asince October 1, 2012, depending data, no/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/ntah/ntah.html>