



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

There were 4 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending September 15, 2013. The week saw cooler temperatures with scattered showers around **Box Elder County**. Some of the showers produced a good amount of moisture. In **Cache County**, very little field work has been accomplished this week because of persistent rain showers. Lots of hay has been damaged in the fields. Rains were heavy at times in **Utah County** and slowed field work. Hay is turning black in the windrows but range conditions are better due to the rains.

## Field Crop Summary

In **Box Elder County**, grain is being planted fairly shallow since there is good moisture in the top 4 inches of soil. Grain will begin to emerge this week. Alfalfa hay producers are finishing third cutting of alfalfa. Onion producers are ready to begin harvest but have been waiting for dry weather. It looks like the onion crop will be better than average. Silage corn is being harvested and put in the pit. Grain corn is beginning to dry down. Growers in **Cache County** are also chopping corn, as field conditions permit. Safflower is also ready to harvest, but warmer weather is needed. In **Morgan County**, corn silage is still immature and needs a few more weeks before it will be ready for harvest. Peach production in **Utah County** is very good this year. Apple production also looks to be good. In **Wayne County**, some second crop alfalfa and oat hay is still in the windrow and has suffered significant rain damage. Second crop alfalfa is over mature and quality has been hurt. Corn silage harvest is beginning in **Weber County**. Much of fourth cutting alfalfa has been rained on, reducing its quality.

## Livestock Summary

The extended dry spring and summer has been hard on many ranchers in **Box Elder County**. There is not much fall feed on many pastures so ranchers will be relying on their own or purchased hay to make it through the fall and winter. Sheep producers have been sorting lambs and bringing their herds off of summer ranges in the high country. Cattle and sheep are grazing limited forage on range and pasture lands in **Cache County**. Most are in good condition. Cattle in **Uintah County** are being moved from summer ranges early this year because of a lack of feed. Showers are keeping the ranges from burning up, but have come too little, too late to improve forage conditions.

## Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 15, 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	2	17	47	32	2
Corn	0	0	17	66	17
Sheep	0	0	26	68	6
Cattle/calves	0	2	21	73	4

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 15, 2013

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	5	26	65	4
Subsoil	14	33	52	1
Irrigation water supplies	25	35	39	1
Stock water supplies	8	25	64	3

## Crop Progress & Development, Livestock Activity for Week Ending September 15, 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>
Oats Harvested (Grain)	90	88	88	87
Winter Wheat Planted	40	22	26	25
Corn Dough Stage	89	84	92	88
Corn Dent Stage	55	49	64	44
Corn Mature	16	12	21	14
Corn Silage Harvested	26	NA	32	8
Alfalfa Third Cutting	75	66	85	72
Onions Harvested	8	5	27	30
Peaches Harvested	76	74	74	67
Apples Harvested	16	14	26	17
Cattle Moved From Summer Range	15	6	13	13
Sheep Moved From Summer Range	19	6	9	16

## Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - September 16, 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"
		in.	in.	°F	volume %					°F				
<b>WESTERN</b>														
Grouse Creek	Bar Elder	9.5	1.00	99	12	20	11	10	10	99	63	65	65	65
Park Valley	Bar Elder	10.0	0.15	61	5	0	13	25	20	63	65	67	60	60
Goshute	Tooele	0.0	0.65	61	25	2	51	40	30	60	64	66	64	66
Dugway	Tooele	0.2	1.16	66	32	34	39	nd	15	65	69	70	69	69
Tule Valley	Millard	4.5	0.67	60	20	10	24	14	11	69	74	77	75	74
Hal's Canyon	Millard	4.2	1.02	63	13	16	13	11	9	63	66	71	60	69
Enterprise	Washington	9.4	0.76	61	11	23	23	14	10	63	70	70	60	60
<b>DIXIE</b>														
Sand Hollow	Washington	0.7	1.83	75	5	5	5	0	0	74	76	79	77	76
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>														
Blue Creek	Bar Elder	9.6	0.44	64	25	14	20	23	19	64	67	69	69	67
Cache Junction	Cache	11.5	0.20	64	15	14	25	27	20	64	65	65	64	62
Grantsville	Tooele	9.6	0.09	66	7	19	25	29	nd	64	69	70	70	nd
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>														
Nephi	Iron	9.0	0.73	63	23	22	14	0	6	66	67	69	69	67
Ephraim	Sage	10.1	0.62	99	15	15	17	10	35	62	64	65	63	62
Holden	Millard	0.0	0.72	65	0	9	4	12	15	60	69	71	70	71
Millford	Beaver	7.4	0.55	63	15	14	10	29	19	69	72	71	69	69
Manderfield	Beaver	12.5	1.15	99	14	25	21	11	6	60	63	63	63	62
Circleville	Piute	9.9	1.15	90	nd	15	10	9	nd	66	63	76	64	nd
Panguitch	Garfield	10.7	1.32	90	20	30	24	21	29	57	59	57	59	59
Cave Valley	Washington	10.0	1.65	61	4	7	7	6	9	60	64	67	66	64
Vermillion	Kane	11.2	1.77	99	2	10	9	14	0	55	57	62	62	62
Spooky	Kane	9.1	1.30	63	9	0	0	24	2	67	65	67	60	69
<b>NORTHERN MOUNTAINS</b>														
Chicken Ridge	Morgan	11.6	1.20	54	17	10	3	11	4	90	90	57	60	90
Buffalo Jump	Rich	10.2	1.63	96	19	23	19	0	na	99	60	61	61	na
Morgan	Morgan	15.6	1.16	37	20	20	29	33	39	63	63	65	64	64
<b>UINTAH BASIN</b>														
Mountain Home	Duchesne	7.0	0.00	95	32	37	34	10	11	99	60	60	60	99
Little Red Fox	Duchesne	0.1	0.87	60	16	16	20	22	19	60	65	67	65	64
Split Mountain	Utah	4.9	1.10	64	16	29	10	14	13	66	69	72	71	71
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>														
Price	Carbon	9.2	1.09	60	10	22	26	16	21	61	64	67	60	69
Green River	Emery	5.4	1.33	67	17	19	11	6	9	67	69	71	73	73
Hamm's Way	Salt Lake	9.5	2.30	90	20	9	29	14	7	61	57	63	64	64
West Summit	Salt Lake	9.9	2.41	90	24	30	31	15	10	90	90	62	62	64
Eastland	Salt Lake	9.0	1.75	57	25	20	10	24	21	61	63	64	65	66
Alkali Mesa	Salt Lake	0.6	0.39	60	20	23	17	19	14	99	90	63	60	69
McCracken Mesa	Salt Lake	0.2	1.26	90	25	24	17	17	14	62	67	70	60	73

\*since October 1, 2012, no missing 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/utah/utah.html>