



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 6.7 days suitable for field work in Utah for the week ending October 20, 2013. Farmers in **Box Elder County** continued to work in fields, harvesting the remaining crops and preparing soil for a subsequent crop. In **Cache County**, most crops have been harvested for the 2013 growing season. Some growers still have hay in the field, safflower that is ready for harvest, and grain corn that is not quite mature. Good weather has allowed continued grazing in pastures in most areas of the State.

## Field Crop Summary

In **Box Elder County**, corn producers continued to harvest grain corn. Moisture levels were dropping but some drying is still required to get the corn to a storable condition. Safflower harvest is still progressing. Winter wheat is still being planted but most of it has been seeded and has emerged. Fall rains came in September and provided good moisture to plant in. Wheat looks fair to good at this point. Onion producers are all but done harvesting their crop and most fields had good yields and excellent quality onions. Winter wheat is mostly planted in **Cache County**, though emergence has been marginal because of dry soil conditions.

## Livestock Summary

Livestock producers in **Box Elder County** have moved most of the cattle and all of the sheep off summer ranges and back to fall pasture. Fall Pastures are short due to the continuing drought but rains in September and early October have provided a small amount of relief. Most cattle look good at this point. Cattle producers have been vaccinating and weaning calves in preparation for delivery to buyers. Range sheep producers have moved off of summer ranges and are mostly on crop residue fields. They will keep their sheep there to provide excellent nutrition to their ewes in preparation for breeding season in November. Most ranchers in **Cache County** are selling their calves. Dairy producers continue to struggle with high feed costs and marginal milk prices.

## Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending October 20, 2013

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	0	15	38	41	6
Winter Wheat	0	0	12	78	10
Corn	0	0	22	67	11
Sheep	0	0	24	69	7
Cattle/calves	0	3	24	68	5

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 20, 2013

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	6	24	70	0
Subsoil	14	28	57	1
Stock water supplies	4	17	79	0

## Crop Progress & Development, Livestock Activity for Week Ending October 20, 2013

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Crop Progress			
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Winter Wheat Planted	89	NA	73	85
Winter Wheat Emerged	59	NA	NA	NA
Corn Dent Stage	95	NA	NA	NA
Corn Mature	87	NA	95	84
Corn Grain Harvested	48	NA	55	28
Corn Silage Harvested	97	NA	96	78
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	85	NA	92	81
Onions Harvested	85	NA	96	92
Apples Harvested	75	NA	77	78
Cattle Moved From Summer Range	84	NA	86	77
Sheep Moved From Summer Range	89	NA	81	78

## Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - October 21, 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>				
<b>WESTERN</b>														
Grouse Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	0.4	0.00	45	3	9	11	15	16	41	46	48	49	53
Park Valley	<i>Box Elder</i>	1.2	0.05	45	8	12	15	25	23	43	46	49	52	57
Goshute	<i>Tooele</i>	0.7	0.01	45	17	0	36	30	26	39	43	49	49	55
Dugway	<i>Tooele</i>	0.9	0.00	47	28	32	37	nd	11	43	47	50	54	56
Tule Valley	<i>Millard</i>	0.4	0.00	49	16	13	23	15	10	45	51	56	57	61
Hal's Canyon	<i>Millard</i>	0.7	0.01	46	7	10	11	10	9	47	50	51	54	58
Enterprise	<i>Washington</i>	0.3	0.01	45	5	21	20	13	15	46	54	54	55	59
<b>DIXIE</b>														
Sand Hollow	<i>Washington</i>	0.2	0.00	58	0	0	0	1	1	55	58	61	61	65
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>														
Blue Creek	<i>Box Elder</i>	0.6	0.00	46	16	13	19	22	17	44	48	49	51	56
Cache Junction	<i>Cache</i>	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd
Grantsville	<i>Tooele</i>	1.2	0.02	46	11	19	25	28	nd	43	49	52	57	61
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>														
Nephi	<i>Juab</i>	0.8	0.33	46	18	20	13	7	1	47	48	50	53	57
Ephraim	<i>Sanpete</i>	0.4	0.19	40	10	10	15	15	35	45	48	50	52	55
Holden	<i>Millard</i>	0.4	0.02	45	4	5	3	12	13	47	49	51	53	60
Milford	<i>Beaver</i>	0.3	0.00	43	7	14	14	27	18	49	52	53	56	60
Manderfield	<i>Beaver</i>	0.8	0.05	42	8	13	11	10	5	43	47	47	50	53
Circleville	<i>Piute</i>	0.3	0.00	39	21	6	7	8	20	44	48	nd	52	56
Panguitch	<i>Garfield</i>	0.4	0.01	37	7	18	14	20	30	39	40	41	46	51
Cave Valley	<i>Washington</i>	1.0	0.00	46	4	7	7	4	5	42	45	48	50	51
Vermillion	<i>Kane</i>	0.6	0.01	51	0	5	4	10	7	41	43	47	48	52
Spooky	<i>Kane</i>	0.0	0.00	52	3	1	3	18	2	55	54	55	57	60
<b>NORTHERN MOUNTAINS</b>														
Chicken Ridge	<i>Morgan</i>	0.3	0.03	42	7	10	3	11	4	41	42	43	45	47
Buffalo Jump	<i>Rich</i>	0.5	0.04	44	9	13	14	8	na	43	45	46	46	na
Morgan	<i>Morgan</i>	0.8	0.02	40	24	21	24	19	22	46	46	49	50	50
<b>UINTAH BASIN</b>														
Mountain Home	<i>Duchesne</i>	0.2	0.10	45	13	19	22	18	10	42	44	45	47	49
Little Red Fox	<i>Duchesne</i>	0.3	0.14	48	5	17	19	20	18	39	48	50	51	53
Split Mountain	<i>Uintah</i>	1.3	0.16	46	15	27	14	13	12	44	47	50	53	57
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>														
Price	<i>Carbon</i>	0.7	0.00	47	4	17	20	14	19	46	49	51	53	56
Green River	<i>Emery</i>	0.3	0.00	43	7	9	9	5	8	44	47	51	54	60
Harm's Way	<i>San Juan</i>	0.4	0.06	44	15	2	21	13	6	47	43	48	49	54
West Summit	<i>San Juan</i>	0.6	0.00	44	18	22	21	14	17	38	41	45	45	51
Eastland	<i>San Juan</i>	0.9	0.00	45	21	19	22	22	21	43	47	47	49	53
Alkali Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	0.0	0.00	51	8	11	15	18	13	47	46	51	53	57
McCracken Mesa	<i>San Juan</i>	0.4	0.00	48	11	18	15	16	13	50	55	55	53	62

\*since October 1, 2013, 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>