



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Utah for the week ending October 27, 2013. The weather in **Box Elder County** during the past week was absolutely beautiful. Temperatures were a little warmer than normal for this time of year. No precipitation was received in any part of the County. Growers in **Cache County** are anxious for a good soaking rain since field conditions are dry. Mild, dry fall weather has been good for fall field work and gathering of livestock in **Garfield** and **Kane Counties**. Warm, dry weather is allowing farmers to complete their harvest and get fall crops planted in **Weber County**.

Field Crop Summary

In **Box Elder County** farmers were busy harvesting some of the last fields of corn, planting fall wheat, and disking and plowing corn stubble. Onions are mostly hauled into storage with only a few fields remaining. Farmers have been green chopping their alfalfa but there are a few fields remaining where farmers are trying to cure their alfalfa in windrows. Safflower harvest is about over with just a few fields left to cut. With the exception of grain corn, and a little bit of safflower, most crops are now harvested in **Cache County**.

Livestock Summary

Livestock producers in **Box Elder County** have been gathering livestock from summer ranges. Several producers report that some of their cattle are scattered out on the summer ranges. Producers will continue to hunt for them until the snow finally convinces the cows that it's time to come down and get some hay. Many calves have been vaccinated and weaned from their mothers. They are being moved to livestock buyers in an orderly manner depending on their contracted dates of delivery. In **Cache County** beef calves are mostly weaned and in many cases sold.

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending October 27, 2013

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	1	11	39	39	10
Winter Wheat	0	0	12	74	14
Corn	0	0	17	73	10
Sheep	0	0	19	71	10
Cattle/calves	0	2	26	63	9

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 27, 2013

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	7	27	66	0
Subsoil	12	37	51	0
Stock water supplies	4	18	78	0

Crop Progress & Development, Livestock Activity for Week Ending October 27, 2013

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Crop Progress			
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Winter Wheat Planted	95	89	84	92
Winter Wheat Emerged	77	59	NA	NA
Corn Mature	94	87	99	90
Corn Grain Harvested	59	48	66	39
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	94	85	98	88
Onions Harvested	94	85	99	98
Apples Harvested	85	75	93	92
Cattle Moved From Summer Range	90	84	91	88
Sheep Moved From Summer Range	92	89	90	89

Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - October 28, 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"
					volume %					°F				
		in.	in.	°F										
WESTERN														
Grouse Creek	Box Elder	0.4	0.00	47	2	9	11	15	16	48	48	50	50	53
Park Valley	Box Elder	1.2	0.00	48	6	10	15	26	24	48	49	50	52	55
Goshute	Tooele	0.7	0.00	51	15	0	47	30	29	47	49	51	49	54
Dugway	Tooele	0.9	0.00	55	29	31	38	nd	13	51	52	52	53	55
Tule Valley	Millard	0.4	0.00	56	14	13	24	15	10	56	58	58	57	60
Hal's Canyon	Millard	0.7	0.00	48	3	9	11	10	9	49	51	53	54	57
Enterprise	Washington	0.3	0.00	50	5	21	20	13	14	53	55	55	55	58
DIXIE														
Sand Hollow	Washington	0.2	0.00	63	0	1	0	1	0	61	62	63	62	65
NORTH CENTRAL														
Blue Creek	Box Elder	0.6	0.00	50	15	13	19	21	17	49	50	50	51	55
Cache Junction	Cache	0.4	0.00	46	16	17	24	24	24	46	47	47	50	53
Grantsville	Tooele	1.2	0.00	57	9	19	25	28	nd	49	51	52	56	60
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Nephi	Juab	0.8	0.00	52	15	18	14	7	0	50	50	51	53	56
Ephraim	Sanpete	0.4	0.00	46	8	10	15	15	34	48	49	50	51	54
Holden	Millard	0.4	0.00	51	4	5	3	11	13	51	52	53	54	58
Milford	Beaver	0.3	0.00	49	7	14	14	27	17	52	53	53	55	58
Manderfield	Beaver	0.8	0.00	48	6	13	11	11	5	47	49	49	50	52
Circleville	Piute	0.3	0.00	45	20	6	6	9	21	47	51	nd	52	55
Panguitch	Garfield	0.4	0.01	40	7	18	13	20	30	40	40	41	45	49
Cave Valley	Washington	1.0	0.00	49	4	5	6	4	5	47	50	51	52	53
Vermillion	Kane	0.6	0.02	51	0	4	4	9	7	41	43	47	48	52
Spooky	Kane	0.0	0.00	53	3	1	4	18	2	56	55	56	57	59
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS														
Chicken Ridge	Morgan	0.3	0.00	44	5	11	3	11	4	46	46	46	45	47
Buffalo Jump	Rich	0.5	0.00	46	9	12	13	7	na	46	46	47	46	na
Morgan	Morgan	0.8	0.00	45	23	21	23	32	36	51	50	50	49	50
UINTAH BASIN														
Mountain Home	Duchesne	0.2	0.00	45	13	19	22	18	10	45	46	46	48	49
Little Red Fox	Duchesne	0.3	0.00	46	3	18	19	21	18	46	50	51	51	53
Split Mountain	Uintah	1.3	0.00	46	12	24	16	13	12	46	48	49	51	55
SOUTHEAST														
Price	Carbon	0.7	0.00	48	2	16	21	14	18	48	50	52	54	55
Green River	Emery	0.3	0.00	49	6	9	9	4	8	49	50	51	54	58
Harm's Way	San Juan	0.4	0.00	47	13	2	20	13	6	50	49	51	51	53
West Summit	San Juan	0.6	0.00	47	17	21	21	15	17	43	44	48	47	50
Eastland	San Juan	0.9	0.01	47	19	17	22	23	20	46	48	49	50	53
Alkali Mesa	San Juan	0.0	0.00	51	8	9	15	18	13	49	48	52	54	56
McCracken Mesa	San Juan	0.4	0.00	49	9	17	15	15	13	55	57	57	54	61

*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>