



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork across the State for the week ending May 11, 2014. Last week's rains have helped the range and pastures green up in **Beaver County**. Livestock look good. **Box Elder County** had a week of unsettled weather beginning on Tuesday in the western part of the County and continuing through Saturday. High winds blew most of the day Sunday. These conditions brought needed moisture but also brought field work to a halt by mid-week. **Garfield and Kane Counties** received a good storm of snow and rain. The moisture provided much relief to the early spring grasses. In **Morgan County**, several days of rain brought field work to a virtual standstill. The wet spring storms in **Rich County** have really improved conditions. Cool wet weather in **Sevier County** has delayed farm field operations such as planting and weed spraying. In **Uintah County**, canals in the Ashley Valley started getting water. In **Weber County**, crops are progressing well. There are isolated spots of frost and insect damage on alfalfa seedlings.

Field Crop Summary

In **Beaver County** corn planting is going well. In **Box Elder County** some corn producers did drill a substantial amount of acres at the beginning of the week. Other producers had hooked on to their corn planters but are now waiting due to the moist conditions in the fields. Crops continue to progress very well. Fall planted wheat and barley looks very good on both dry land acres as well as irrigated fields. In **Weber County** there are isolated spots of frost and insect damage on alfalfa seedlings.

Livestock Summary

The wet, cold weather has been very hard on sheep producers in **Box Elder County** who are mid-way through lambing. There will be some losses of newborn lambs due to the cold and wet weather but the moisture should help the pasture and forage conditions in a major way. Most sheep producers will begin moving to the summer ranges in June. Beef producers are still working with their animals to get them branded and doctored before they move to summer ranges at the end of the month.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 11, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	5	39	52	4
Subsoil	7	36	55	2
Stock water supplies	2	20	76	2

Crop Progress & Development, Livestock Activity for Week Ending May 11, 2014

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Crop Progress				
Barley Emerged	89	82	76	71
Oats Planted	91	77	79	78
Oats Emerged	65	56	46	45
Spring Wheat Emerged	90	82	87	65
Corn Planted	50	33	57	43
Apples Full Bloom	8	NA	29	59
Apricots Full Bloom	63	61	92	97
Peaches Full Bloom	85	78	85	90
Sweet Cherries Full Bloom	80	67	74	85
Cows Calved	92	90	96	96
Ewes Lambed Farm Flocks	96	93	89	94
Sheep Shorn Farm Flocks	89	87	87	91
Ewes Lambed Range Flocks	81	71	74	70
Sheep Shorn Range Flocks	90	88	83	81
Sheep & Lambs Moved to Pasture	67	57	87	79

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending May 11, 2014

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	-	6	40	49	5
Winter Wheat	-	3	19	59	19
Sheep	-	-	17	76	7
Cattle/calves	-	1	22	66	11

Soil Moisture - Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - May-12-2014

Site name	Weekly Precip	Current Precip ¹	Prev. Yr. Precip ²	Soil Moisture					Current Avail. Water**	Current Avail. Water % of AWC*	Prev. Yr. Avail. Water**	Prev. Yr. Avail. Water % of AWC*
				2"	4"	8"	20"	40"				
				volume %								
	in.	in.	in.						in.	%	in.	%
WESTERN												
Grouse Creek	1.33	7.9	4.9	12	22	24	25	21	5.2	76	5.1	75
Park Valley	0.96	6.1	5.8	6	8	14	25	24	2.9	68	1.6	38
Goshute	1.05	6.1	4.6	23	2	24	24	32	1.2	44	2.1	75
Dugway	0.08	4.2	3.8	3	10	7	nd	5	0.7	38	0.6	36
Tule Valley	0.49	3.7	4.6	18	17	22	18	10	5.0	101	5.5	110
Hal's Canyon	0.16	2.8	2.8	2	5	10	13	9	1.1	22	0.8	16
Enterprise	1.17	4.1	5.0	18	40	21	14	14	1.5	39	1.5	38
DIXIE												
Sand Hollow	1.23	5.9	3.9	1	2	0	1	0	0.1	5	0.0	0
NORTH CENTRAL												
Blue Creek	0.89	8.7	4.9	33	33	38	34	20	6.2	145	3.9	92
Cache Junction	1.20	11.5	8.8	38	34	39	37	38	4.5	114	4.0	102
Grantsville	0.76	6.8	5.9	10	13	22	31	nd	1.6	47	1.1	33
SOUTH CENTRAL												
Nephi	0.77	7.2	5.6	14	17	15	9	1	0.4	10	0.7	16
Ephraim	0.81	6.7	5.8	15	12	16	19	35	1.5	32	2.3	51
Holden	1.04	5.6	5.3	15	15	1	14	13	1.2	21	1.4	24
Milford	1.08	3.8	4.7	31	27	17	26	16	2.1	33	1.9	29
Manderfield	1.28	5.9	5.7	13	14	12	11	5	0.4	8	1.4	25
Circleville	0.40	2.9	2.4	14	16	10	10	15	1.2	17	0.4	7
Panguitch	0.65	4.0	2.6	22	34	24	21	30	2.5	44	1.4	24
Cave Valley	0.52	7.6	9.8	4	9	9	5	7	2.2	41	1.4	29
Vermillion	0.28	6.6	4.9	0	0	3	9	8	0.5	11	0.6	14
Spooky	0.30	4.4	3.3	2	1	4	19	2	0.5	21	0.6	26
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	0.99	4.8	6.8	20	22	27	25	25	6.2	86	5.8	80
Chicken Ridge, aspen	0.99	4.8	6.8	17	23	23	18	18	3.1	51	2.0	34
Buffalo Jump	0.69	5.4	5.8	17	13	15	15	na	1.0	23	2.1	47
Morgan	1.09	11.6	12.4	29	25	29	33	37	8.7	104	0.0	0
UNTAH BASIN												
Mountain Home	0.41	3.4	5.2	16	22	26	21	11	1.0	17	3.2	54
Little Red Fox	0.63	2.5	4.5	19	17	32	33	34	5.8	82	6.1	86
Split Mountain	0.21	4.6	4.1	4	15	12	13	12	1.2	17	2.0	29
SOUTHEAST												
Price	0.10	3.7	4.7	1	11	18	15	19	2.2	29	3.3	43
Green River	0.63	3.1	2.7	17	15	9	5	8	5.0	93	5.5	101
Harm's Way	0.49	6.2	3.9	12	10	16	16	6	2.1	41	3.2	63
West Summit	0.33	5.1	2.9	11	17	18	21	17	2.2	34	2.2	36
Eastland	0.28	5.1	3.4	12	13	20	31	32	5.5	93	6.3	106
Alkali Mesa	0.24	4.4	4.5	7	8	16	19	14	0.9	17	1.0	20
McCracken Mesa	0.05	4.3	4.9	8	16	17	17	13	2.2	61	3.9	105
¹ from: 10/01/2013 to present ² from: 10/01/12 to 05/12/13 na = no sensor Frozen soils read lower than actual soil moisture; affected soil in bold italics									What the colors mean:			
**plant available water in the top 40" of soil nd = missing data										= below wilting point (WP); too dry		
*AWC = available water capacity in the top 40" of soil										= between WP & FC; ideal		
										= above field capacity (FC); too wet		