



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork across the State for the week ending June 15, 2014. **Box Elder County** had a week of good weather with mild daytime temperatures and a couple of cooler nightly lows into the high 30's. Most of the first cutting of alfalfa is now harvested in the Bear River Valley. Other producers in the western parts of the County have also cut their first crop and are in the process of baling and hauling it to their stack yards. **Cache County** growers continue to enjoy great weather for harvesting alfalfa and grass hay. Some storms are forecast within the coming days, but most will agree that the season has been near ideal for planting and harvesting crops. Lower ranges in **Rich County** are in need of precipitation. Grass remains good but without rain it will dry and become tinder. Wind has been drying ground moisture out. Grass hay is growing and looks good where it has had irrigation water. Conditions are very dry in **Washington County**.

Field Crop Summary

Cutting of first crop hay is going well in **Beaver County**. There are lots of aphids in the alfalfa. **Box Elder County** corn producers have been in the fields cultivating, fertilizing and corrugating in preparation for the beginning of the irrigation of the season. The lack of rainfall the last 30 days has started to put moisture stress on some corn fields which has made it necessary to start irrigating corn a little sooner than average. Other crops continue to look good. Fruit producers report that they are going to have sweet cherries and apricots as well as a good crop of peaches this year. Onions look good overall with just a few fields affected by a hail storm during early May. Some of the fields have bounced back but others remain with a reduced stand. Most irrigation companies in **Cache County** have adequate irrigation water. Dry farmers would appreciate a timely rain storm about now. Corn is doing okay, but would benefit from some warmer weather. Farmers in **Summit County** are starting to cut alfalfa fields. Irrigation continues throughout the County. Flooding continues along the Green River in **Uintah County** due to water released from Flaming Gorge. Some farmers cannot get to their fields because of the flooding. Crops are growing rapidly in **Weber County**. Growers had a good first harvest of alfalfa.

Livestock Summary

Livestock look good in **Beaver County**. Cattle and sheep in **Cache County** continue to do well. Livestock in **Summit County** are still being moved to summer ranges.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 15, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	10	54	36	-
Subsoil	8	49	43	-
Stock Water Supplies	4	29	67	-

Crop Progress & Development for Week Ending June 15, 2014

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Crop Progress			
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter Wheat Headed	83	68	82	73
Barley Headed	71	57	51	47
Oats Headed	36	28	28	20
Spring Wheat Headed	51	32	42	29
Corn Emerged	98	95	98	91
Alfalfa Hay First Cutting	75	50	69	56
Other Hay First Cutting	53	36	39	28
Sweet Cherries Harvested	12	NA	0	4

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending June 15, 2014

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	1	14	42	41	2
Winter Wheat	-	10	32	45	13
Spring Wheat	-	2	18	62	18
Barley	-	-	9	70	21
Oats	-	-	16	71	13
Corn	-	-	22	67	11
Sheep	-	-	16	77	7
Cattle/calves	-	2	20	67	11

Soil Moisture - Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - Jun-16-2014

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 %								
	<i>in.</i>	<i>in.</i>	<i>in.</i>						<i>in.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>in.</i>	<i>%</i>
WESTERN												
Grouse Creek	0.00	8.5	6.3	0	8	13	17	17	2.2	33	2.4	35
Park Valley	0.00	6.1	7.1	1	0	12	26	26	4.4	79	4.0	73
Goshute	0.00	6.1	5.7	6	1	39	41	28	2.2	77	2.3	83
Dugway	0.00	4.2	4.8	2	10	8	nd	5	0.0	0	0.0	2
Tule Valley	0.00	3.7	4.9	8	12	24	17	12	4.8	96	5.1	101
Hal's Canyon	0.00	2.9	3.1	1	0	9	12	10	1.1	22	0.8	17
Enterprise	0.00	4.1	5.0	4	23	23	15	15	1.0	26	0.9	24
DIXIE												
Sand Hollow	0.00	5.9	4.0	0	0	2	1	0	0.3	13	0.2	9
NORTH CENTRAL												
Blue Creek	0.00	8.8	7.0	12	18	25	32	21	3.9	92	3.1	74
Cache Junction	0.00	11.6	10.4	19	17	28	28	38	1.4	36	1.2	31
Grantsville	0.03	6.9	7.1	0	12	26	30	nd	1.8	54	1.0	31
SOUTH CENTRAL												
Nephi	0.00	7.3	6.3	9	15	15	8	5	0.5	11	0.6	13
Ephraim	0.00	6.8	6.1	4	9	15	16	34	0.7	16	0.6	14
Holden	0.00	5.7	5.7	3	4	1	13	14	0.8	13	0.7	11
Milford	0.01	3.9	4.9	11	24	21	29	18	2.3	35	2.2	33
Manderfield	0.00	5.9	6.1	2	13	12	11	5	0.5	9	0.6	12
Circleville	0.00	2.9	2.7	8	8	9	10	16	1.2	17	0.4	6
Panguitch	0.00	4.1	2.6	4	17	13	20	28	1.3	22	1.2	20
Cave Valley	0.00	7.7	9.9	4	0	1	0	1	0.1	2	0.1	2
Vermillion	0.00	6.7	4.9	0	1	2	4	7	0.0	0	0.1	1
Spooky	0.00	4.5	3.4	2	1	4	14	2	0.0	0	0.1	2
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	0.03	5.4	7.5	2	7	9	18	18	2.5	34	2.1	29
Chicken Ridge, aspen	0.03	5.4	7.5	8	12	13	13	14	0.6	10	0.0	0
Buffalo Jump	0.22	6.0	6.2	7	11	11	12	na	0.2	5	0.4	8
Morgan	0.00	11.8	13.3	22	21	25	33	22	6.7	79	<i>na</i>	<i>na</i>
UINTAH BASIN												
Mountain Home	0.04	4.1	5.7	7	19	24	19	12	0.8	14	1.1	19
Little Red Fox	0.00	2.6	5.0	3	15	23	23	21	2.0	28	2.1	29
Split Mountain	0.00	4.9	4.5	1	14	14	14	13	1.5	22	1.7	25
SOUTHEAST												
Price	0.00	3.9	4.7	0	8	16	17	20	2.5	32	2.6	34
Green River	0.00	3.6	2.8	4	8	10	6	9	4.8	88	5.1	93
Harm's Way	0.02	7.0	4.1	1	5	14	14	6	1.3	25	1.5	30
West Summit	0.01	6.1	3.0	6	13	15	16	17	1.1	17	1.0	16
Eastland	0.00	6.0	3.5	9	11	10	25	28	3.4	57	4.0	68
Alkali Mesa	0.00	5.1	4.5	6	7	17	19	14	1.0	20	0.8	15
McCracken Mesa	0.00	5.7	5.0	8	14	18	17	14	2.4	64	2.3	62
¹ from: 10/01/2013 to present ² from: 10/01/12 to 06/16/13 na = no sensor Frozen soils read lower than actual soil moisture; affected soil in <i>bold italics</i>									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			