



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork across the State for the week ending June 29, 2014. Ranges are getting very dry in **Beaver County** and some farmers have run out of irrigation water. Livestock are doing well there. Some showers moved through **Box Elder County** last week. Precipitation amounts were generally light. These showers also brought cooler temperatures to the County. Fruit producers began to harvest cherries and apricots. The cherry crop will be the best that we have had in Box Elder County in several years. Conditions are still quite favorable in **Cache County**, though we did experience some rain damaged hay with last week's storms. Wheat, safflower, and barley, especially on dry land, has responded very well to the recent storms. Corn is doing fine, but will benefit from warmer days that are forecast. In **Carbon County** strong winds continue to be a problem. Conditions in **Garfield** and **Kane Counties** continue to be very dry. Overall crops look good in **Millard County** except in areas on the East side of the County where irrigation water from runoff is extremely short. Recent rains in **Morgan County** have left range there in very good condition. The rains did catch a fair amount of hay down and caused a loss in quality. In **Rich County**, a storm on Thursday night kept pastures green and growing. Cattle look good and are contented. Rain storms in **Summit County** at the end of the week slowed down some of the hay harvesting, but was a welcome sight to most.

Field Crop Summary

Farmers in **Beaver County** are finishing cutting of first crop hay. They are starting to cut meadow hay. There are lots of grasshopper problems. Dryland wheat is ripening in **Box Elder County**. Some producers feel like they are about three weeks to harvest. Alfalfa conditions look good. Second crop is being harvested. Corn is growing extremely well with some corn more than 40 inches tall. Some producers in **Rich County** made their first cutting of alfalfa last week and the rest will start this week. Cuttings look good. The irrigation from the Bear River will run out this week but grass hay for the most part has been cut and looks to be a good crop. Farmers in **Summit County** are in full swing harvesting first crop alfalfa and grass hay. They are reporting good yields for both crops.

Livestock Summary

Ranchers in **Box Elder County** continue moving their stock to higher pastures, but the lack of rainfall in some parts of the County is a concern. Cattle and sheep in **Rich County** are also beginning to be moved to higher pastures.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 29, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	16	46	38	-
Subsoil	13	52	35	-
Stock water supplies	10	32	58	-

Crop Progress & Development, for Week Ending June 29, 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 Harvested	27	NA	2	1
Barley Headed	88	81	91	79
Spring Wheat Headed	87	66	85	62
Oats Headed	52	46	78	59
Alfalfa First Cutting	93	89	96	89
Alfalfa Second Cutting	9	NA	8	5
Other Hay Harvested	82	69	70	57
Sweet Cherries Harvested	45	29	9	21
Apricots Harvested	16	NA	NA	NA

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending June 29, 2014

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter Wheat	3	5	27	51	14
Spring Wheat	-	3	17	60	20
Barley	-	-	7	71	22
Oats	-	-	15	73	12
Corn	-	-	22	58	20
Range and Pasture	3	16	40	40	1
Sheep	-	-	16	77	7
Cattle/calves	-	1	21	66	12

Soil Moisture - Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - Jun-30-2014

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	0.13	8.7	6.5	1	7	13	17	17	2.1	30	2.1	31
Park Valley	0.01	6.3	7.1	1	0	12	24	24	3.8	69	4.5	83
Goshute	0.07	6.4	5.7	13	1	46	37	38	1.4	49	1.1	39
Dugway	0.04	4.4	4.8	3	10	8	nd	4	0.0	0	0.0	1
Tule Valley	0.05	3.8	4.9	9	12	23	17	11	4.5	90	5.0	100
Hal's Canyon	0.02	3.0	3.1	1	0	9	11	10	0.9	18	0.8	16
Enterprise	0.00	4.1	5.0	4	21	22	14	15	0.8	21	0.8	20
DIXIE												
Sand Hollow	0.00	5.9	4.0	0	0	1	1	0	0.2	9	0.1	6
NORTH CENTRAL												
Blue Creek	0.14	9.5	7.1	15	19	24	31	21	3.7	87	2.7	64
Cache Junction	0.54	12.9	10.4	21	19	29	28	38	1.4	36	0.3	7
Grantsville	0.13	7.4	7.1	1	15	25	26	nd	1.7	50	1.0	30
SOUTH CENTRAL												
Nephi	0.04	7.6	6.3	10	14	14	7	5	0.5	10	0.5	11
Ephraim	0.00	7.0	6.1	4	8	16	16	35	0.9	19	0.7	15
Holden	0.00	5.8	5.7	2	4	1	14	14	0.8	13	0.5	9
Milford	0.00	3.9	4.9	8	24	22	30	17	2.5	38	2.2	34
Manderfield	0.00	5.9	6.3	1	12	12	11	5	0.6	11	0.6	11
Circleville	0.02	2.9	2.7	7	7	8	9	16	1.2	17	0.4	6
Panguitch	0.00	4.1	2.6	3	17	13	21	27	1.4	24	1.1	20
Cave Valley	0.00	7.7	9.9	4	0	0	0	1	0.1	2	0.1	2
Vermillion	0.00	6.7	4.9	0	0	2	4	8	0.1	1	0.0	0
Spooky	0.00	4.5	3.4	2	1	4	14	2	0.1	2	0.0	0
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	0.28	6.4	7.5	4	9	10	16	15	1.7	24	1.1	15
Chicken Ridge, aspen	0.28	6.4	7.5	11	13	12	11	12	0.4	6	0.0	0
Buffalo Jump	0.43	7.1	6.2	12	11	11	10	na	0.3	8	0.2	5
Morgan	0.62	13.2	13.3	26	24	27	33	22	6.9	83	na	na
UINTAH BASIN												
Mountain Home	0.00	4.1	5.7	5	16	22	17	9	0.6	10	0.9	16
Little Red Fox	0.00	2.6	5.0	2	13	21	23	19	1.6	23	1.8	26
Split Mountain	0.00	5.0	4.5	1	13	13	14	14	1.6	24	1.6	24
SOUTHEAST												
Price	0.00	3.9	4.7	0	8	15	17	20	2.6	33	2.6	34
Green River	0.00	3.6	2.8	4	7	10	7	9	4.5	82	5.0	92
Harm's Way	0.00	7.0	4.1	0	4	14	14	6	1.3	26	1.4	28
West Summit	0.00	6.1	3.0	5	11	15	16	17	1.0	15	1.0	16
Eastland	0.00	6.0	3.5	7	11	11	24	23	2.8	47	3.4	57
Alkali Mesa	0.00	5.1	4.5	6	7	16	19	14	1.0	19	0.9	18
McCracken Mesa	0.00	5.7	5.1	7	11	16	17	14	2.2	58	2.1	56
¹ from: 10/01/2013 to present ² from: 10/01/12 to 06/30/13 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			