



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 6.5 days suitable for field work across the State. Rains in **Beaver County** have helped a lot but farmers were waiting to cut second crop alfalfa. Hot and dry weather prevailed in **Cache County**. Crops were responding very well to the combination of heat and water. Corn was especially growing fast and grains were turning quickly. Spotty thunderstorms in **Carbon County** have filled some livestock ponds but very little stayed around long enough to provide soil moisture. There was some relief from the drought by the monsoon rains in **Garfield and Kane** Counties. Ranges and pastures were greening back up. Some hay was damaged by the monsoon rains. Significant rains over the last week in **Millard County** limited harvesting. First crop alfalfa was up in **Rich County** and water was being applied for second crop. Producers have had good drying weather for grass hay and it was being put up in great condition.

Field Crop Summary

Corn averaged 51 inches tall across the State. Fall wheat harvest was underway in **Box Elder County** with yields and quality looking reasonably good. Grain and field corn were beginning the silk stage. Sweet corn had silked and the ears were developing. Harvest of sweet corn should begin soon. Some farmers have harvested second crop hay and were close to harvesting the third crop. The quality of alfalfa has been good this summer. Safflower was in bloom and looked pretty good overall. Several growers in **Cache County** will begin harvesting their dryland wheat later this week. The second cutting of alfalfa was also progressing nicely, with good yields and no rain damage.

Livestock Summary

Livestock producers in **Box Elder County** reported that their cattle and sheep were doing well. Livestock water was becoming a problem in some areas due to the third year of drought. Streams and springs were drying. Livestock in **Cache County** continued to do well even with the quality of pastures and rangelands dwindling with the hotter weather. Cattle and sheep in **Rich County** were being moved to upper ranges. Grass was good on ranges and calves and lambs were responding to the good conditions.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 20, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	19	45	36	-
Subsoil	17	49	34	-
Stock water supplies	14	31	55	-

Crop Progress & Development for Week Ending July 20, 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	42	35	15	16
Spring Wheat harvested	12	2	5	3
Barley Harvested	11	4	4	6
Oats Headed	86	70	92	87
Alfalfa Second Cutting	54	38	57	46
Other Hay First Cutting	91	90	82	79
Corn Silked	20	1	29	16
Apricots Harvested	43	32	64	52
Sweet Cherries Harvested	85	65	91	78
Tart Cherries Harvested	28	16	17	30

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending July 20, 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	26	51	15
Spring Wheat	-	3	17	60	20
Barley	-	-	8	69	23
Oats	-	-	16	73	11
Corn	-	-	21	57	22
Range & Pasture	3	19	43	34	1
Sheep	-	-	16	78	6
Cattle/calves	-	1	21	67	11

Soil Moisture - Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - Jul-21-2014

Site name	Weekly Precip	Current Precip ¹	Prev. Yr. Precip ²	Soil Moisture ³					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	0.06	9.3	7.2	0	7	13	17	17	2.0	29	2.0	30
Park Valley	0.04	6.4	8.2	1	1	13	20	20	4.2	93	5.4	121
Goshute	0.10	6.7	6.3	12	1	10	7	3	0.2	10	0.2	10
Dugway	0.08	4.5	6.1	2	10	8	nd	4	0.0	0	0.0	4
Tule Valley	0.00	3.8	5.1	8	9	25	13	11	4.3	69	4.7	74
Hal's Canyon	0.04	3.3	3.1	1	0	9	12	10	1.0	18	0.7	14
Enterprise	0.00	6.2	5.8	7	32	24	15	16	1.6	39	0.8	20
DIXIE												
Sand Hollow	0.01	6.0	4.8	0	0	1	1	0	0.1	6	0.1	6
NORTH CENTRAL												
Blue Creek	0.00	9.5	8.1	9	15	23	27	21	3.0	59	2.6	50
Cache Junction	0.00	13.1	10.7	19	18	29	29	38	1.6	41	0.2	6
Grantsville	0.06	7.9	7.9	0	11	20	6	nd	1.8	94	1.2	63
SOUTH CENTRAL												
Nephi	0.00	7.8	7.6	9	13	14	7	7	0.8	18	0.9	21
Ephraim	0.09	7.1	7.1	3	6	16	16	34	0.8	17	0.7	14
Holden	0.00	6.1	6.4	3	4	0	13	15	0.9	14	0.7	12
Milford	0.17	4.8	5.0	16	23	22	29	19	2.5	38	2.1	32
Manderfield	0.36	8.0	7.4	9	14	13	12	5	0.6	11	0.6	12
Circleville	1.53	4.5	3.4	27	23	7	9	16	1.1	17	0.5	7
Panguitch	1.11	5.6	4.3	16	27	14	21	27	1.3	22	1.5	27
Cave Valley	0.03	7.8	10.3	1	0	1	0	1	0.1	2	0.1	1
Vermillion	0.24	8.0	6.3	0	1	3	5	7	0.1	2	0.1	2
Spooky	0.00	4.5	3.7	2	1	3	13	2	0.4	15	0.1	4
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	0.01	6.7	7.9	0	7	8	12	11	0.9	13	0.7	9
Chicken Ridge, aspen	0.01	6.7	7.9	3	6	6	5	7	0.0	0	0.0	0
Buffalo Jump	0.03	7.2	7.0	6	10	10	9	na	0.2	4	0.1	2
Morgan	0.01	13.2	13.7	25	21	26	34	21	7.0	84	8.5	103
UINTAH BASIN												
Mountain Home	0.00	4.2	6.8	5	13	19	16	9	0.4	7	0.8	13
Little Red Fox	0.16	2.8	5.6	8	11	18	24	20	1.5	22	1.7	24
Split Mountain	0.04	5.0	4.7	0	11	11	15	13	1.5	23	1.7	25
SOUTHEAST												
Price	0.06	4.0	5.5	1	7	14	18	22	2.7	35	2.7	35
Green River	0.03	3.6	3.0	4	7	9	9	10	0.5	10	4.7	86
Harm's Way	0.23	8.7	5.9	1	9	17	15	6	2.2	44	2.7	53
West Summit	0.00	6.4	5.2	6	12	14	16	18	1.1	18	2.4	39
Eastland	0.06	6.2	4.4	7	10	11	24	21	2.6	44	3.0	50
Alkali Mesa	0.38	5.7	5.8	6	7	16	20	14	1.0	20	1.1	21
McCracken Mesa	0.39	6.2	5.4	9	12	14	18	14	2.0	54	2.2	58
¹ from: 10/01/2013 to present ² from: 10/01/12 to 07/21/13 na = no sensor ³ Soil moisture at selected sites is now adjusted for for high salt content **plant available water in the top 40" of soil nd = missing data *AWC = available water capacity in the top 40" of soil									What the colors mean:			
										= below wilting point (WP); too dry		
										= between WP & FC; ideal		
										= above field capacity (FC); too wet		