



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 6.7 days suitable for field work across the State. **Box Elder County** reported another great week of summer weather. Warm days and cool nights have helped the crops make good progress. **Morgan County** also reported that warm weather has crops progressing nicely.

Field Crop Summary

Corn averaged 64 inches tall across the State. **Rich County** reported producers are busy putting up grass hay, with good production thus far. Second crop alfalfa has been aided with hotter days and is about 8 inches tall. **Cache County** crops are yielding well, quality is exceptional, harvest conditions are near ideal and in most cases irrigation water is sufficient. The hot weather is especially good for corn silage which is growing 2 or 3 inches daily. Winter wheat and fall barley are being harvested with good yields. **Box Elder County** reported wheat harvest is in full swing with average to good yields. Corn is mostly silked, and the safflower crop is flowered. Farmers are busy wrapping up second crop hay.

Livestock Summary

Garfield County reported pastures and rangelands are drying out, and forage supplies are tightening. In **Cache County**, flies and mosquitoes are troublesome to cattle and sheep. In most cases, feed is sufficient on grazing lands and livestock are growing well. **Box Elder County** reported livestock water is becoming a problem in some areas as springs and ponds are running low. Ranchers have their sheep and cattle on summer ranges, which are starting to show signs of stress from lack of moisture.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 27, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	21	45	34	-
Subsoil	20	48	30	2
Stock Water Supplies	14	32	54	-

Crop Progress & Development for Week Ending July 27, 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	52	42	28	28
Spring Wheat Harvested	18	12	6	7
Barley Harvested	22	11	14	14
Oats Headed	92	86	93	92
Oats Harvested	20	na	5	3
Alfalfa Second Cutting	72	54	64	62
Alfalfa Third Cutting	1	na	2	14
Other Hay First Cutting	93	91	83	84
Corn Silked	47	20	49	35
Apricots Harvested	51	43	70	69
Sweet Cherries Harvested	92	85	94	90
Tart Cherries Harvested	45	28	36	46

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending July 27, 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	50	15
Spring Wheat	-	4	16	60	20
Barley	-	-	8	69	23
Oats	-	-	16	72	12
Corn	-	-	21	56	23
Range & Pasture	3	18	44	34	1
Sheep	-	-	16	79	5
Cattle/Calves	-	1	20	68	11

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Site name	Weekly Precip <i>in.</i>	Current Precip ¹ <i>in.</i>	Prev. Yr. Precip ² <i>in.</i>	Soil Moisture ³					Current Avail. Water** <i>in.</i>	Current Avail. Water % of AWC* <i>%</i>	Prev. Yr. Avail. Water** <i>in.</i>	Prev. Yr. Avail. Water % of AWC* <i>%</i>
				2"	4"	8"	20"	40"				
				volume %								
WESTERN												
Grouse Creek	0.02	9.3	7.2	0	6	12	16	17	2.0	29	1.9	28
Park Valley	0.10	6.5	8.2	1	1	12	9	18	3.6	79	4.1	88
Goshute	0.00	6.7	6.3	13	0	11	7	4	0.2	10	0.0	3
Dugway	0.00	4.5	6.1	2	11	8	nd	5	0.0	0	0.0	3
Tule Valley	0.01	3.8	5.1	8	8	24	14	11	4.3	69	4.5	72
Hal's Canyon	0.00	3.3	3.2	1	0	9	12	10	1.0	18	0.8	16
Enterprise	0.00	6.2	6.9	5	28	25	15	16	1.6	39	0.9	23
DIXIE												
Sand Hollow	0.00	6.0	5.6	0	0	1	1	0	0.1	6	0.5	23
NORTH CENTRAL												
Blue Creek	0.00	9.5	8.1	8	14	23	25	21	3.0	59	2.3	44
Cache Junction	0.00	13.1	10.7	17	17	29	29	37	1.6	41	0.2	5
Grantsville	0.00	7.9	7.9	0	12	20	6	nd	1.8	94	1.3	66
SOUTH CENTRAL												
Nephi	0.04	7.9	7.7	9	12	14	8	7	0.8	18	0.8	18
Ephraim	0.02	7.2	7.3	3	7	15	16	35	0.8	17	0.7	15
Holden	0.00	6.1	6.6	2	4	0	14	15	0.9	14	0.7	12
Milford	0.00	4.8	5.3	11	23	23	30	18	2.5	38	2.2	34
Manderfield	0.42	8.5	8.0	6	14	13	12	6	0.6	11	0.6	12
Circleville	0.00	4.5	3.6	24	17	7	10	16	1.1	17	0.5	7
Panguitch	0.03	5.7	4.7	12	21	13	21	28	1.3	22	1.5	26
Cave Valley	0.00	7.8	11.2	1	0	0	0	1	0.1	2	0.3	5
Vermillion	1.12	9.1	6.5	8	10	2	4	8	0.1	2	0.0	1
Spooky	0.01	4.5	3.8	2	1	3	13	2	0.4	15	0.0	1
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	0.00	6.7	8.1	0	6	8	11	11	0.9	13	0.6	9
Chicken Ridge, aspen	0.00	6.7	8.1	2	6	5	4	6	0.0	0	0.0	0
Buffalo Jump	0.00	7.2	7.1	4	10	10	9	na	0.2	4	0.1	1
Morgan	0.01	13.2	13.7	25	21	25	34	21	7.0	84	8.5	102
UINTAH BASIN												
Mountain Home	0.03	4.2	6.9	5	12	17	16	8	0.4	7	5.3	91
Little Red Fox	0.20	3.0	5.8	4	12	18	23	19	1.5	22	1.6	23
Split Mountain	0.04	5.0	4.7	1	11	11	15	14	1.5	23	1.5	22
SOUTHEAST												
Price	0.00	4.0	5.6	0	7	14	18	23	2.7	35	2.6	34
Green River	0.05	3.7	3.0	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	4.5	83
Ham's Way	0.00	8.7	6.5	0	5	15	15	7	2.2	44	2.3	45
West Summit	0.00	6.4	5.6	5	11	14	15	18	1.1	18	2.1	34
Eastland	0.27	6.4	4.5	8	10	10	24	21	2.6	44	2.8	47
Alkali Mesa	nd	nd	6.2	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	nd	1.1	22
McCracken Mesa	0.02	6.2	5.4	8	10	14	17	14	2.0	54	2.0	54
¹ from: 10/01/2013 to present ² from: 10/01/12 to 07/28/13 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			