



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork across the State. **Beaver County** received rain this pasted week. It helped pastures but is making it hard to put up second crop hay. Eastern **Box Elder County** had good rain fall on Monday night. Most of the locations got about an inch of water. The western half of the County had more scattered showers with less than a quarter inch reported in most locations. Wheat harvest came to a halt for a couple of days while the fields and grain dried out. Monsoon rains in **Iron County** continue to help soil and range conditions. In **Rich County**, storms mid week shut haying down for a couple of days. Monsoonal moisture streaming into **Sevier County** benefited range but no grass re-growth yet. Flash flooding over topped the Richfield Canal and flooded pastures, homes and businesses. A couple days of light rain in **Weber County** have slowed grain and alfalfa harvest, but helped corn, range, and pasture growth. Irrigation water supplies in **Uintah County** have run out in some areas and will soon be used up in others.

Field Crop Summary

Corn height in the State averaged 71 inches. Farmers in **Box Elder County** are busy harvesting wheat and barley, many are busy baling straw. Irrigated yields are average to better than average. Dry land yields are average but given the dry spring and summer they are better than expected. Recent storms have slowed the harvest of third crop hay. In **Cache County**, wheat and barley are yielding quite well. Alfalfa yields are also quite impressive. Corn continues to grow well with the hotter weather and adequate irrigation water. We have some areas where spider mites in corn are a continuing concern. Second crop alfalfa looks good in **Rich County** and producers might start cutting towards the end of the week. Barley and oats cut for hay are beginning to be harvested.

Livestock Summary

Ranchers are very happy with the recent rains in **Box Elder County**. These rains may prolong how long cattle and sheep can stay on the summer range. Cattle in **Rich County** continue to move to upper elevations. Pastures are in good to great shape with the recent storms.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 3, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	19	42	38	1
Subsoil	19	48	33	-
Stock water supplies	13	34	53	-

Crop Progress & Development for Week Ending August 3, 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	68	52	53	45
Spring Wheat Harvested	27	18	19	18
Barley Harvested	42	22	33	28
Oats Headed	96	92	97	96
Oats Harvested	33	20	8	7
Corn Silking	61	47	73	59
Alfalfa Second Cutting	80	72	86	77
Alfalfa Third Cutting	4	1	10	20
Other Hay Cutting	95	93	92	89
Apricots Harvested	64	51	72	81
Sweet Cherries Harvested	95	92	97	96
Tart Cherries Harvested	86	45	83	73

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending August 3, 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	7	28	48	14
Spring Wheat	-	4	18	58	20
Barley	-	-	8	69	23
Oats	-	-	16	73	11
Corn	-	-	19	60	21
Range & Pasture	3	17	45	34	1
Sheep/Lambs	-	-	14	80	6
Cattle/Calves	-	1	20	68	11