



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 6.1 days suitable for field work across the State for the week ending August 17, 2014. Good weather was the rule in **Box Elder County** with all days being suitable for field work. Much of the hay that had been delayed from being cut due to the threat of rain was cut and windrowed in the fields. The wheat harvest has been slower this summer due to intermittent showers and higher humidity. Growers in **Cache County** have been very busy harvesting wheat, barley, and oats in recent days. Yields are exceptional and bushel weights are much higher than normal. Producers are very grateful for the favorable growing season we have enjoyed, which includes early planting, timely rains, and adequate irrigation water.

## Field Crop Summary

In **Beaver County**, third crop alfalfa hay and corn are growing well. The Wheat harvest in **Box Elder County** is winding down. A good portion of the irrigated and non-irrigated wheat has been harvested. Yields were reported to be good and quality seemed to be good with protein levels in the hard red winter wheat at about 12 to 13 percent. Some wheat farmers will be looking to plant fall wheat in the next few weeks. Corn continues to look good and has all tasseled and silked in the County. Onions look very good this year. They are starting to size up and mature and should be ready to harvest about the third week in September. Alfalfa hay in **Cache County** is yielding well, though there has been some rain damage. Corn is growing very well and most growers will have adequate irrigation water to get their crop to full maturity.

## Livestock Summary

Livestock in **Beaver County** are looking very good this year. Livestock in **Box Elder County** are generally doing well on the summer ranges. Recent storms have refreshed the feed and in some cases have refilled some ponds that were dry. Cattle and calves, ewes and lambs, in **Cache County** continue to do well.

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 17, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	14	46	40	-
Subsoil	19	49	32	-
Stock water supplies	11	37	52	-

## Crop Progress & Development for Week Ending August 17, 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	85	70	83	77
Spring Wheat Harvested	50	37	61	55
Barley Harvested	64	47	71	67
Oats Harvested	41	35	41	41
Corn Silked	87	76	90	86
Corn Dough Stage	23	6	19	18
Alfalfa Second Cutting	97	91	96	93
Alfalfa Third Cutting	21	14	23	31
Apricots Harvested	76	68	97	98
Peaches Harvested	14	4	23	19

## Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending August 17, 2014

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Spring Wheat	-	4	19	56	21
Barley	-	-	9	67	24
Oats	-	-	17	72	11
Corn	-	-	18	59	23
Range & Pasture	3	17	45	34	1
Sheep	-	-	14	80	6
Cattle/calves	-	1	21	66	12

## Soil Moisture - Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - Aug-18-2014

Site name	Weekly Precip	Current Precip <sup>1</sup>	Prev. Yr. Precip <sup>2</sup>	Soil Moisture <sup>3</sup>					Current Avail. Water**	Current Avail. Water % of AWC*	Prev. Yr. Avail. Water**	Prev. Yr. Avail. Water % of AWC*
				2"	4"	8"	20"	40"				
				volume %								
<b>WESTERN</b>												
Grouse Creek	0.61	11.2	7.3	7	15	13	16	17	2.2	33	1.8	27
Park Valley	0.00	7.1	8.3	0	4	12	9	20	5.1	113	3.7	82
Goshute	1.41	9.4	6.3	16	1	7	8	3	0.3	14	0.0	0
Dugway	0.21	5.2	6.1	4	12	8	nd	5	0.0	0	0.0	0
Tule Valley	0.00	4.2	5.1	8	10	23	13	10	3.9	62	4.3	68
Hal's Canyon	0.21	4.0	4.1	3	8	8	11	10	0.9	17	1.0	19
Enterprise	0.31	7.3	6.9	7	26	24	15	16	1.3	34	0.9	23
<b>DIXIE</b>												
Sand Hollow	0.23	6.9	5.6	1	4	0	1	1	0.2	10	0.2	11
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>												
Blue Creek	0.03	11.8	8.1	19	19	22	25	21	2.6	51	2.0	40
Cache Junction	0.01	15.0	10.7	27	23	30	29	36	1.7	43	0.2	6
Grantsville	0.63	9.5	8.4	6	16	19	6	nd	1.3	68	1.3	68
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>												
Nephi	0.01	9.3	7.9	17	19	16	7	6	0.9	20	0.7	15
Ephraim	0.22	7.9	8.1	5	8	15	16	35	0.9	21	0.8	19
Holden	0.01	6.7	6.6	4	6	0	13	15	0.7	11	0.7	11
Milford	0.08	5.5	5.8	13	23	22	30	18	2.5	38	2.0	31
Manderfield	0.31	9.0	8.8	4	13	13	12	5	0.6	12	0.6	12
Circleville	0.17	5.1	4.4	2	12	8	9	16	1.2	17	1.0	15
Panguitch	0.21	6.9	5.8	9	19	13	21	30	1.7	29	1.2	21
Cave Valley	0.61	9.3	11.2	2	5	6	1	1	0.6	11	0.1	1
Vermillion	0.58	10.5	6.7	1	6	3	5	8	0.1	2	0.0	0
Spooky	0.92	5.7	5.0	7	9	4	12	2	0.6	24	0.4	15
<b>NORTHERN MOUNTAINS</b>												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	0.13	8.9	8.1	5	8	10	12	10	0.7	10	0.5	7
Chicken Ridge, aspen	0.13	8.9	8.1	4	6	4	4	5	0.0	0	0.0	0
Buffalo Jump	0.07	8.5	7.1	8	10	9	8	na	0.1	1	0.0	1
Morgan	0.23	15.3	13.8	25	22	27	33	21	8.8	106	8.2	98
<b>UNTAH BASIN</b>												
Mountain Home	0.28	5.8	7.0	11	12	17	14	8	0.2	3	0.8	14
Little Red Fox	0.18	4.5	6.3	6	26	39	38	42	8.1	114	1.5	21
Split Mountain	0.33	5.9	5.0	7	15	11	15	14	1.6	24	1.6	23
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>												
Price	0.49	6.4	6.1	3	17	16	17	21	2.9	38	2.7	34
Green River	0.00	4.6	3.3	16	10	9	9	10	1.0	18	0.5	10
Harm's Way	0.36	10.8	7.5	2	10	16	14	7	1.6	32	1.5	29
West Summit	0.89	8.2	6.6	18	23	14	16	18	1.5	24	1.2	19
Eastland	1.53	8.2	6.3	21	19	12	23	21	3.1	53	2.7	45
Alkali Mesa	1.84	7.5	7.7	17	15	20	21	28	2.2	44	1.1	22
McCracken Mesa	0.83	7.2	6.1	14	22	15	18	14	2.7	72	2.0	55
<sup>1</sup> from: 10/01/2013 to present <sup>2</sup> from: 10/01/12 to 08/18/13    na = no sensor									<b>What the colors mean:</b>			
<sup>3</sup> Soil moisture at selected sites is now adjusted for for high salt content										= below wilting point (WP); <b>too dry</b>		
**plant available water in the top 40" of soil    nd = missing data										= between WP & FC; <b>ideal</b>		
*AWC = available water capacity in the top 40" of soil										= above field capacity (FC); <b>too wet</b>		