



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 4.4 days suitable for field work across the State for the week ending August 24, 2014. Frequent rain from thunderstorms in **Box Elder County** slowed field work towards the end of the week. Measureable precipitation has occurred there each of the last five days. Wet, stormy weather also summarizes conditions in **Cache County** this past week. Rain storms slowed up fall harvest in **Carbon County**. The rain has improved fall pastures but also caused some flash floods. A one inch rain shower in **Iron County** helped soil moisture and ranges, but also resulted in some rained on hay. **Millard County** has had some significant rain storms the last couple of weeks that helped with stock water and rangeland conditions. Rains spaced during the week in **Rich County** kept producers out of the fields. Some parts of **Uintah County** received over two inches of rain in the past seven days. Recent rains in **Weber County** improved growing conditions, but damaged a lot of third crop alfalfa that was in the windrow.

Field Crop Summary

Producers in **Box Elder County** are struggling to get their third crop hay cut and dried. Corn continues to do well and most of it is now in the dough stage. Corn intended for silage should be ready to be put in silage pits in the next week or two. Grain corn farmers are expecting good yields as conditions have been very favorable to the crop. Wheat producers have the grain cut except for just a few scattered fields. Some dry land producers have planted fall wheat and have indicated that it has emerged. Safflowers are starting to dry down and we could see some being harvested in the next couple of weeks. The crop looks good for the most part. Onions are starting to mature. Peaches are being harvested. Growers in **Cache County** were grateful for two or three dry days early in the week which allowed them to hasten the harvest of alfalfa hay and small grains.

Livestock Summary

Pastures in **Cache County** have greened up very nicely with the storms, so cattle and sheep are doing very well. Ranges and pastures in **Rich County** are in excellent condition. Cattle are being moved to higher elevations.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 24, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	10	40	48	2
Subsoil	15	43	41	1
Stock water supplies	7	34	58	1

Crop Progress & Development for Week Ending August 24, 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	94	85	93	87
Spring Wheat Harvested	60	50	81	71
Barley Harvested	70	64	82	80
Oats Harvested	50	41	69	61
Corn Silked	92	87	96	94
Corn Dough Stage	33	23	49	38
Alfalfa Hay Second Cutting	98	97	97	96
Alfalfa Hay Third Cutting	32	21	45	42
Apricots Harvested	96	76	98	99
Peaches Harvested	34	14	29	27

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending August 24, 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	-	-	8	67	25
Oats	-	-	16	73	11
Corn	-	-	17	59	24
Range & Pasture	2	15	44	38	1
Sheep	-	-	15	79	6
Cattle/calves	-	-	21	67	12

Soil Moisture - Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - Aug-25-2014

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 %								
WESTERN												
Grouse Creek	1.29	12.5	7.7	12	21	13	16	17	2.5	37	1.7	25
Park Valley	0.77	7.9	8.3	8	10	12	nd	15	2.7	61	4.4	97
Goshute	1.04	10.5	6.4	15	0	10	7	3	0.2	13	0.0	2
Dugway	0.81	6.0	6.7	4	11	8	nd	4	0.0	0	0.0	0
Tule Valley	0.81	5.0	5.2	17	16	24	15	11	4.5	72	4.1	66
Hal's Canyon	1.33	5.3	4.3	11	13	14	11	10	1.8	33	0.9	17
Enterprise	1.09	8.4	7.6	11	37	26	15	17	1.9	48	0.9	24
DIXIE												
Sand Hollow	1.19	8.1	5.7	5	5	5	7	0	1.7	74	0.1	5
NORTH CENTRAL												
Blue Creek	0.59	12.4	8.1	17	17	22	24	21	2.3	45	1.9	38
Cache Junction	1.35	16.3	10.7	36	31	30	29	36	2.1	54	0.1	4
Grantsville	0.48	9.9	8.8	11	16	20	6	nd	1.4	72	1.2	63
SOUTH CENTRAL												
Nephi	1.34	10.7	8.0	27	29	16	7	6	1.5	33	0.7	15
Ephraim	1.20	9.1	8.7	15	15	15	16	33	0.7	16	0.9	19
Holden	0.90	7.6	6.7	11	11	9	13	15	1.0	16	0.7	11
Milford	1.32	6.8	6.1	22	26	22	30	18	2.8	42	2.1	32
Manderfield	1.03	10.1	9.7	8	13	12	11	5	0.6	11	0.7	12
Circleville	0.82	5.9	5.2	8	11	7	10	16	1.2	17	1.0	15
Panguitch	0.66	7.6	6.5	12	19	14	21	31	1.8	31	1.2	21
Cave Valley	0.73	10.1	12.5	1	6	6	0	1	0.5	10	0.9	14
Vermillion	0.93	11.4	7.1	0	7	6	4	8	0.3	6	0.0	0
Spooky	0.02	5.8	5.3	5	7	3	12	2	0.4	15	0.4	14
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	1.52	10.4	8.8	13	18	21	11	11	1.8	25	0.5	7
Chicken Ridge, aspen	1.52	10.4	8.8	14	8	4	4	5	0.1	1	0.0	0
Buffalo Jump	1.30	9.8	7.4	17	15	9	8	na	0.5	11	0.0	0
Morgan	1.11	16.4	13.9	27	23	26	33	21	6.8	81	8.0	97
UNTAH BASIN												
Mountain Home	1.56	7.4	7.0	25	17	16	14	8	0.3	6	0.7	12
Little Red Fox	1.53	6.0	6.8	35	35	47	45	47	11.2	157	1.6	22
Split Mountain	1.74	7.6	5.3	20	33	30	20	13	4.7	69	1.5	22
SOUTHEAST												
Price	0.42	6.8	6.5	5	16	16	17	21	2.9	37	2.4	31
Green River	0.73	5.3	3.4	15	9	9	8	10	0.8	14	0.4	8
Harm's Way	0.28	11.1	7.7	7	7	14	14	6	1.4	28	1.4	27
West Summit	1.01	9.2	6.8	21	28	14	15	18	1.6	26	1.1	17
Eastland	0.08	8.3	6.6	12	13	11	23	21	2.7	45	2.6	44
Alkali Mesa	1.96	9.5	7.9	13	15	nd	20	26	1.8	35	1.0	20
McCracken Mesa	0.73	7.9	6.5	22	23	15	17	14	2.8	76	2.5	68
¹ from: 10/01/2013 to present ² from: 10/01/12 to 08/25/13 na = no sensor									What the colors mean:			
³ Soil moisture at selected sites is now adjusted for for high salt content										= below wilting point (WP); too dry		
**plant available water in the top 40" of soil nd = missing data										= between WP & FC; ideal		
*AWC = available water capacity in the top 40" of soil										= above field capacity (FC); too wet		