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 31, 2014. Intermittent rains in **Box Elder County** over the last couple of weeks delayed the wheat harvest. Several days of wet weather in **Cache County** slowed the harvest of wheat, barley, and oats. Some small grains were getting musty and marginal for quality. Some grains have shelled out onto the ground reducing anticipated yields. There were freezing temperatures in **Rich County** during the week with an unofficial low of 30 degrees one morning. Lower regions of **Summit County** received the first light frost of the summer. Heavy rains in the Maeser and Vernal areas caused flooding in **Uintah County**. Otherwise, rains during the week helped crops.

Field Crop Summary

In **Beaver County** third crop cutting of alfalfa was going well. Dryland farmers in **Box Elder County** were beginning to plant fall wheat where soil moisture was relatively good. Some farmers plan to begin chopping corn silage in the next week. Alfalfa hay that was down in **Cache County** has significant rain damage. Growers were very busy this week moving forward with the harvest as warmer days have returned. Corn silage looks great. Growers should start chopping corn within just a few weeks. Farmers in **Summit County** were starting to cut third crop alfalfa hay. Recent rains in **Weber County** have improved growth of corn and alfalfa.

Livestock Summary

Livestock were looking good in **Beaver County**. Some ranchers in **Box Elder County** plan to bring yearlings and some cows and calves home in the next ten days. Recent wet weather helped pastures needed for fall grazing but rains were somewhat spotty. Ranges continued to be in good to excellent shape in **Rich County**. Producers were talking about having plenty of fall feed on meadow and crop aftermath.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 31, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	*Percent*	*Percent*	*Percent*
Topsoil	8	35	53	4
Subsoil	13	36	47	4
Stock water supplies	5	34	60	1

Crop Progress & Development for Week Ending August 31, 2014

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Ave-rage
	Crop Progress			
	Percent	*Percent*	*Percent*	*Percent*
Winter Wheat Harvested	95	94	97	93
Winter Wheat Planted	19	NA	NA	NA
Barley Harvested (Grain)	89	70	90	89
Oats Harvested (Grain)	65	50	78	72
Spring Wheat Harvested	85	60	90	82
Corn Silk Stage	94	92	99	98
Corn Dough Stage	56	33	76	56
Alfalfa Third Cutting	51	32	55	54
Apples Harvested	9	NA	NA	NA
Peach Harvested	39	34	63	42

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending August 31, 2014

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excelle nt
	Percent	*Percent*	*Percent*	*Percent*	*Percent*
Corn	-	-	17	59	24
Range & Pasture	1	12	44	41	2
Sheep	-	-	14	80	6
Cattle/calves	-	-	20	68	12

Soil Moisture - Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - Sep-2-2014

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"				
	in.	*in.*	*in.*	*volume %*					*in.*	*%*	*in.*	*%*
WESTERN												
Grouse Creek	0.36	12.9	7.7	8	19	13	17	17	2.4	35	1.7	26
Park Valley	0.18	8.1	8.4	5	7	15	nd	20	4.7	104	4.1	90
Goshute	0.02	10.5	6.6	15	1	12	7	4	0.2	14	0.2	10
Dugway	0.01	6.1	7.5	5	12	8	nd	4	0.0	2	0.0	3
Tule Valley	0.08	5.0	5.5	13	15	26	14	11	4.4	70	4.6	73
Hal's Canyon	0.57	5.9	4.4	7	10	17	11	10	1.7	32	0.9	17
Enterprise	0.03	8.4	8.2	7	30	25	15	16	1.6	41	1.0	25
DIXIE												
Sand Hollow	0.15	8.3	6.8	0	4	4	4	1	1.0	45	0.5	24
NORTH CENTRAL												
Blue Creek	0.00	12.5	8.1	16	17	22	24	21	2.2	44	1.8	35
Cache Junction	0.01	16.5	10.7	23	26	31	29	37	1.8	45	0.2	4
Grantsville	0.37	10.3	8.8	7	14	21	6	nd	1.4	75	1.3	69
SOUTH CENTRAL												
Nephi	0.10	10.8	8.2	20	21	18	8	6	1.3	28	0.6	14
Ephraim	0.06	9.2	8.9	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	3.1	33
Holden	0.23	7.9	7.2	6	8	1	13	15	0.7	12	0.7	11
Milford	0.03	6.9	6.8	19	26	22	30	18	2.7	41	2.0	30
Manderfield	0.33	10.4	11.1	5	13	12	12	5	0.6	11	1.1	21
Circleville	0.03	6.0	6.0	2	12	8	9	16	1.1	17	2.0	30
Panguitch	0.26	7.8	7.7	8	19	13	21	31	1.6	28	1.9	32
Cave Valley	1.20	11.3	15.6	2	6	6	5	0	1.2	21	2.4	38
Vermillion	0.90	12.3	8.3	2	7	7	4	8	0.4	9	0.4	8
Spooky	0.29	6.1	5.9	4	5	4	12	2	0.3	13	0.4	17
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	0.62	11.1	9.3	13	16	19	12	11	1.7	24	0.5	7
Chicken Ridge, aspen	0.62	11.1	9.3	11	12	8	3	5	0.0	1	0.0	0
Buffalo Jump	0.55	10.4	7.5	14	19	16	8	na	1.0	23	0.0	0
Morgan	0.30	16.7	13.9	25	21	27	33	21	6.6	79	8.2	98
UINTAH BASIN												
Mountain Home	0.36	8.0	7.0	24	20	17	14	7	0.4	7	0.0	0
Little Red Fox	0.34	6.6	7.0	23	33	43	40	44	9.5	133	1.5	20
Split Mountain	0.20	8.1	5.5	15	31	27	22	14	4.6	68	1.7	25
SOUTHEAST												
Price	0.03	6.9	7.1	1	15	17	17	20	2.8	37	2.4	31
Green River	0.41	5.7	3.7	16	11	9	8	9	0.8	14	0.5	9
Harm's Way	0.19	11.3	9.4	1	8	14	14	6	1.4	27	2.5	48
West Summit	1.19	10.4	7.5	19	25	26	15	17	2.4	38	1.4	22
Eastland	0.25	8.5	7.2	9	11	11	24	21	2.5	42	2.7	46
Alkali Mesa	0.06	9.5	8.2	8	13	nd	19	25	1.4	28	1.4	27
McCracken Mesa	0.02	7.9	7.0	9	19	16	17	14	2.3	62	2.7	73

[1]from: 10/01/2013 to present [2]from: 10/01/12 to 09/02/13 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**