



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 for the week ending September 7, 2014. Farmers experienced a week of good weather in **Box Elder County** with much field work being accomplished. Most producers are irrigating the crops for the last time. Farmers continue to prepare fields for fall wheat planting by removing the stubble and working the ground with a disk. Several days of good weather in **Cache County** have provided a needed window to continue with the harvest of wheat, barley and oats. Much of the grain was laid down, and some had sprouted, reducing the quality and value significantly. Drier conditions thru the week in **Rich County** allowed producers to get some of their rained on hay baled and in the stack.

Field Crop Summary

Third crop haying is going good in **Beaver County**. Growers are getting ready to start chopping corn. The corn crop in **Box Elder County** is maturing with most corn in the soft to hard dough stage. Many farmers will begin chopping corn in the next week to 10 days. Most farmers are wrapping up with third crop hay. They are busy planting fall wheat and irrigating stubble fields. Temperatures have cooled enough that onion farmers are beginning to lift their onions. Third crop alfalfa in **Cache County** is of superb quality with exceptional yields. Growers are feverishly attempting to get it dry, baled, and hauled before rain returns. Corn silage harvest should begin shortly. Safflower is also turning quickly and will be ready for harvest soon. Most of third crop alfalfa in **Morgan County** is being baled. Corn silage harvest has just begun in **Weber County**. On average the corn is about normal in height, not exceptional.

Livestock Summary

Ranchers in **Box Elder County** are beginning to sort cows and calves. Fall pastures have improved due to recent precipitation and somewhat cooler temperatures. The recent rains in **Cache County** have been great for pastures and rangelands. Cattle and sheep are growing well. Ranges in **Morgan County** have benefited from recent rains. Producers should have good range forage late into the fall. A couple of allotments in **Rich County** have begun to move cattle towards home. Fall feed looks excellent and cows and calves are in very good conditions from summer grazing.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 7, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	7	36	57	-
Subsoil	12	36	50	2
Stock water supplies	5	34	59	2

Crop Progress & Development for Week Ending September 7, 2014

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Crop Progress			
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Barley Harvested (Grain)	94	89	95	94
Oats Harvested (Grain)	74	65	87	81
Spring Wheat Harvested	93	85	97	92
Winter Wheat Planted	47	19	21	7
Winter Wheat Emerged	14	NA	NA	NA
Corn Silk Stage	99	94	100	99
Corn Dough Stage	75	56	83	72
Alfalfa Third Cutting	67	51	65	64
Apples Harvested	18	9	13	8
Peaches Harvested	55	39	73	53

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 7, 2014

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	1	13	43	41	2
Corn	-	-	12	62	26
Sheep	-	-	14	80	6
Cattle/calves	-	1	19	68	12

Soil Moisture - Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - Sep-8-2014

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	0.00	12.9	7.7	3	15	13	16	17	2.2	32	1.7	26
Park Valley	0.00	8.1	8.4	2	6	15	nd	20	4.5	100	4.1	90
Goshute	0.00	10.5	6.6	14	1	12	7	3	0.2	12	0.2	10
Dugway	0.07	6.2	7.5	4	12	8	nd	4	0.0	0	0.0	3
Tule Valley	0.00	5.0	5.5	11	14	23	14	10	4.1	65	4.6	73
Hal's Canyon	0.05	5.9	4.4	3	7	13	12	10	1.3	25	0.9	17
Enterprise	0.00	8.4	8.2	6	26	24	15	16	1.4	35	1.0	25
DIXIE												
Sand Hollow	0.00	8.3	6.8	1	0	3	2	0	0.6	26	0.5	24
NORTH CENTRAL												
Blue Creek	0.00	12.5	8.1	12	16	21	24	20	2.1	41	1.8	35
Cache Junction	0.00	16.5	10.7	20	21	31	29	37	1.7	43	0.2	4
Grantsville	0.00	10.3	8.8	2	13	22	6	nd	2.2	116	1.3	69
SOUTH CENTRAL												
Nephi	0.04	10.8	8.2	17	18	17	7	7	1.0	23	0.6	14
Ephraim	0.04	9.2	8.9	23	35	35	42	38	9.0	97	3.1	33
Holden	0.02	7.9	7.2	5	7	1	13	15	0.7	12	0.7	11
Milford	0.00	6.9	6.8	17	25	22	30	18	2.6	40	2.0	30
Manderfield	0.00	10.4	11.1	3	12	12	11	5	0.5	10	1.1	21
Circleville	0.36	6.3	6.0	5	11	7	9	16	1.1	17	2.0	30
Panguitch	0.16	8.0	7.7	7	18	13	21	31	1.7	29	1.9	32
Cave Valley	0.07	11.3	15.6	1	2	3	5	1	0.7	13	2.4	38
Vermillion	0.05	12.3	8.3	0	2	5	4	8	0.2	3	0.4	8
Spooky	0.19	6.2	5.9	3	3	4	12	2	0.2	10	0.4	17
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	0.02	11.1	9.3	8	12	13	12	11	1.0	14	0.5	7
Chicken Ridge, aspen	0.02	11.1	9.3	5	8	6	4	5	0.0	0	0.0	0
Buffalo Jump	0.04	10.5	7.5	11	15	14	8	na	0.7	17	0.0	0
Morgan	0.01	16.7	13.9	25	21	27	33	20	6.7	80	8.2	98
UNTAH BASIN												
Mountain Home	0.12	8.1	7.0	21	20	16	14	7	0.3	5	0.0	0
Little Red Fox	0.04	6.7	7.0	14	32	42	40	41	8.8	123	1.5	20
Split Mountain	0.15	8.2	5.5	14	30	25	22	13	4.2	62	1.7	25
SOUTHEAST												
Price	0.03	7.0	7.1	1	13	18	17	20	2.8	36	2.4	31
Green River	0.00	5.7	3.7	15	11	9	7	10	0.8	15	0.5	9
Harm's Way	0.06	11.3	9.4	1	6	14	15	6	1.4	27	2.5	48
West Summit	0.20	10.6	7.5	14	20	22	15	17	1.8	29	1.4	22
Eastland	0.41	8.9	7.2	8	11	10	23	21	2.4	40	2.7	46
Alkali Mesa	0.09	9.6	8.2	5	11	nd	18	24	1.1	22	1.4	27
McCracken Mesa	0.02	8.0	7.0	8	15	15	17	14	2.2	59	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		