



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 6.2 days suitable for field work across the State for the week ending September 14, 2014. There was another week of good weather in **Box Elder County**. Minimal rainfall was received at the first of the week. It did not slow field work. Much activity is now focusing on getting fields prepared and drilled with fall wheat and barley. The acres of the crop that have been drilled earlier have now emerged and look good. A full week of ideal weather in **Cache County** greatly enhanced the harvest of alfalfa, wheat, barley, and oats. There was finally some good fall moisture in **Garfield County** and throughout the region. There was some damage to hay production. Most areas in **Iron County** received over one inch of rain. This greatly helped soil moisture and range conditions. Meadows in **Rich County** are beginning to have cattle on them as producers are bringing their cattle home from BLM and Forest service permits.

Field Crop Summary

Farmers in **Box Elder County** have started chopping corn. The yields and quality of corn silage are good. They are also busy planting fall wheat, lifting onions, harvesting third and fourth crop hay, plowing and irrigating. In **Cache County**, virtually all of our small grains have now been harvested. There was some weather damage that resulted in decreased value. Growers were grateful to get most of their third crop alfalfa baled and stacked this week. Dryland farmers are planting winter wheat and are happy for the moisture in the soil. Some plantings have already sprouted and are looking good. Some growers anticipate chopping corn for silage next week. Safflower growers will be harvesting safflower soon.

Livestock Summary

Ranchers in **Box Elder County** are bringing cows and calves off from summer ranges. Calves are healthy and in good condition. Cooler, wet weather has enhanced the quality of pastures and rangelands in **Cache County**. Cattle and sheep are growing quite well and there is some movement already of putting livestock onto harvested fields so they can eat the aftermath and re-growth. Cattle in **Rich County** are in good condition.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 14, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	6	33	61	-
Subsoil	10	35	55	-
Stock water supplies	5	33	60	2

Crop Progress & Development for Week Ending September 14, 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>
Barley Harvested (Grain)	98	94	99	98
Oats Harvested (Grain)	79	74	90	88
Spring Wheat Harvested	97	93	98	97
Winter Wheat Planted	64	47	37	25
Winter Wheat Emerged	28	14	NA	NA
Corn Dough Stage	87	75	88	85
Corn Dent Stage	26	25	5	4
Corn Mature	2	NA	15	12
Alfalfa Third Cutting	80	67	74	72
Peach Harvested	65	55	76	63
Apples Harvested	27	18	16	15
Onions Harvested	11	NA	8	19

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 14, 2014

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	1	10	42	44	3
Corn	-	-	12	62	26
Sheep	-	-	13	80	7
Cattle/calves	-	1	17	68	14

Soil Moisture - Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - Sep-15-2014

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	0.18	13.1	9.5	3	11	13	16	17	2.0	30	2.3	34
Park Valley	0.03	8.1	10.0	1	5	14	nd	16	3.1	68	2.4	54
Goshute	0.09	10.6	8.0	14	1	11	11	3	0.2	11	0.6	33
Dugway	0.04	6.2	9.2	4	12	8	nd	4	0.0	0	0.1	7
Tule Valley	0.05	5.1	6.5	11	13	15	15	10	3.4	54	5.0	80
Hal's Canyon	0.24	6.2	6.2	3	7	12	12	10	1.3	24	1.5	27
Enterprise	0.72	9.2	9.4	10	27	24	15	16	1.5	38	1.1	29
DIXIE												
Sand Hollow	0.70	9.0	8.7	3	5	4	2	1	0.8	34	2.0	86
NORTH CENTRAL												
Blue Creek	0.00	12.5	9.6	10	15	22	24	20	2.0	40	2.0	40
Cache Junction	1.02	17.6	11.5	22	24	32	29	38	1.8	46	0.1	2
Grantsville	0.05	10.4	10.0	2	12	21	6	nd	2.2	114	1.1	59
SOUTH CENTRAL												
Nephi	0.46	11.3	9.0	16	18	16	7	6	0.8	19	1.0	23
Ephraim	0.66	9.9	10.1	26	34	34	40	38	8.8	94	3.1	34
Holden	0.38	8.3	8.0	5	7	1	12	14	0.6	10	0.8	13
Milford	0.42	7.3	7.4	17	23	21	30	19	2.5	38	2.0	30
Manderfield	0.77	11.2	12.5	6	13	11	11	5	0.5	10	1.6	30
Circleville	1.06	7.4	7.9	21	23	8	9	16	1.6	24	2.2	34
Panguitch	1.66	9.6	10.7	16	28	21	21	33	2.5	43	2.8	48
Cave Valley	1.94	13.3	18.0	2	6	6	6	7	1.9	35	2.3	36
Vermillion	1.11	13.4	11.0	0	7	6	4	8	0.3	6	2.0	41
Spooky	0.23	6.5	9.1	3	3	4	12	2	0.2	10	2.9	118
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	0.90	12.0	11.5	11	14	16	18	11	2.3	31	1.8	25
Chicken Ridge, aspen	0.90	12.0	11.5	9	8	6	4	5	0.0	0	-0.3	-5
Buffalo Jump	0.97	11.5	10.0	13	17	14	8	na	0.8	19	1.6	36
Morgan	1.10	17.8	15.6	27	23	30	35	21	7.4	89	9.0	108
UNTAH BASIN												
Mountain Home	0.59	8.7	7.0	22	20	16	13	7	0.3	5	1.8	30
Little Red Fox	0.83	7.5	8.1	22	34	44	40	42	9.4	131	1.6	22
Split Mountain	0.83	9.1	6.9	17	31	27	23	13	4.7	70	2.2	32
SOUTHEAST												
Price	0.11	7.1	9.2	1	11	17	17	21	2.7	35	3.7	48
Green River	0.60	6.3	5.4	15	11	9	7	9	0.8	14	1.3	23
Harm's Way	0.83	12.2	11.7	4	10	14	14	6	1.4	28	3.2	63
West Summit	0.57	11.1	9.9	18	23	20	15	17	1.8	29	3.6	57
Eastland	1.77	10.7	9.0	20	20	21	23	21	3.8	64	3.3	56
Alkali Mesa	1.93	11.6	8.6	17	12	nd	18	22	1.2	23	1.7	33
McCracken Mesa	0.95	8.9	8.1	18	22	15	17	14	2.7	73	3.0	82
¹ from: 10/01/2013 to present ² from: 10/01/12 to 09/15/13 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		