



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 6.4 days suitable for field work across the State for the week ending September 21, 2014. Strong storms moved through **Box Elder County** on Thursday night and caused some damage from hail, wind, and heavy rain. Rainfall amounts were scattered but were generally under a half inch total. Some parts of **Cache County** had significant frost damage while other parts of the county had none. Rain storms in **Iron County** continue to improve soil moisture and range conditions.

## Field Crop Summary

Corn silage harvest was just getting started in **Beaver County**. Farm and ranch activities in **Box Elder County** included chopping corn, planting wheat, baling hay, and lifting onions. The corn has been reported in somewhat good condition. There have been reports of frost damage to some fields. Fall wheat has emerged in many fields and appears to be in good condition. Some safflower has been combined in the county and some corn is being harvested for silage or as high moisture grain corn. **Cache County** growers chopped a lot of corn for silage last week. Producers were still working on alfalfa hay, too. Most has been put up with exceptional quality and some has rain damage. Safflower harvest has also begun. Winter wheat that has been planted was emerging nicely. Producers in **Rich County** are finishing up getting their hay baled and into their stacks. Farmers in **Summit County** are also finishing up harvesting third crop alfalfa hay.

## Livestock Summary

Ranchers in **Box Elder County** are busy bringing cows and calves off from summer ranges. Sheep producers have been gathering and sorting lambs from summer ranges. Livestock in **Cache County** were doing well on pastures and rangelands that are quite productive because of timely rains. Cattle in **Rich County** were being moved off ranges and onto crop aftermath. Fall feed was abundant and calves and cows are both looking very good. Sheep ranchers in **Summit County** were starting to ship lambs to market.

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 21, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	4	37	58	1
Subsoil	10	33	57	-
Stock water supplies	5	33	59	3

## Crop Progress & Development, Livestock Activity for Week Ending September 21, 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>
Oats Harvested (Grain)	92	79	94	92
Winter Wheat Planted	74	64	56	46
Winter Wheat Emerged	38	28	NA	NA
Corn Dough Stage	90	87	91	91
Corn Dented	52	26	81	65
Corn Mature	8	2	43	30
Alfalfa Third Cutting	87	80	85	81
Peach Harvested	73	65	85	75
Apples Harvested	35	27	20	23
Onions Harvested	35	11	24	35
Cattle Moved From Summer Ranges	6	NA	24	19
Sheep Moved From Summer Ranges	9	NA	22	19

## Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 21, 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	41	45	3
Corn	-	-	12	62	26
Sheep	-	-	13	80	7
Cattle/calves	-	-	16	68	16

## Soil Moisture - Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - Sep-22-2014

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 %								
	in.	in.	in.						in.	%	in.	%
<b>WESTERN</b>												
Grouse Creek	0.70	13.8	9.5	6	14	13	16	17	2.2	32	2.0	30
Park Valley	0.55	8.7	10.1	8	6	13	nd	18	3.7	83	4.2	93
Goshute	0.28	10.9	8.0	13	0	8	8	3	0.2	9	0.3	16
Dugway	0.20	6.4	9.2	3	11	8	nd	4	0.0	0	0.1	7
Tule Valley	0.43	5.5	6.5	18	11	25	14	10	4.3	69	4.7	75
Hal's Canyon	0.49	6.7	6.2	14	15	10	12	10	1.6	29	1.3	24
Enterprise	0.72	9.9	9.4	19	41	23	14	16	2.0	50	1.0	26
<b>DIXIE</b>												
Sand Hollow	0.20	9.2	8.7	4	0	1	2	0	0.4	16	1.3	58
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>												
Blue Creek	0.25	12.7	9.6	10	14	21	24	20	2.0	38	1.6	32
Cache Junction	0.43	18.0	11.5	21	22	31	29	37	1.7	43	0.1	1
Grantsville	0.21	10.6	10.0	9	12	19	6	nd	2.0	105	1.2	64
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>												
Nephi	0.63	11.9	9.0	21	17	15	8	6	0.9	20	0.8	17
Ephraim	0.41	10.3	10.2	22	33	34	41	38	8.8	94	3.2	34
Holden	0.49	8.8	8.0	7	6	1	13	14	0.6	10	0.5	9
Milford	0.67	8.0	7.4	22	22	21	30	18	2.5	39	1.8	28
Manderfield	0.75	11.9	12.5	6	12	12	12	5	0.6	11	0.6	12
Circleville	1.47	8.9	7.9	8	27	7	9	16	1.5	23	2.8	42
Panguitch	0.58	10.2	10.7	12	23	18	21	33	2.1	35	2.2	38
Cave Valley	0.24	13.5	18.0	4	7	5	5	7	1.8	32	1.7	27
Vermillion	0.65	14.1	11.2	2	10	4	4	8	0.3	6	1.5	32
Spooky	0.13	6.6	9.1	3	2	4	12	1	0.2	9	2.3	93
<b>NORTHERN MOUNTAINS</b>												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	0.15	12.2	11.6	6	9	10	16	11	1.4	19	1.5	21
Chicken Ridge, aspen	0.15	12.2	11.6	4	7	5	3	5	0.0	0	0.0	0
Buffalo Jump	0.16	11.6	10.2	10	13	13	9	na	0.5	12	1.1	26
Morgan	0.19	18.0	15.6	25	22	28	34	21	7.0	84	8.4	101
<b>UNTAH BASIN</b>												
Mountain Home	0.32	9.1	7.0	18	19	16	14	7	0.1	2	1.5	26
Little Red Fox	0.17	7.7	8.2	17	32	41	38	43	8.6	121	1.5	21
Split Mountain	0.00	9.1	7.0	14	30	27	23	13	4.6	68	1.7	26
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>												
Price	0.40	7.5	9.2	8	9	16	17	20	2.6	34	3.4	44
Green River	0.13	6.5	5.4	14	11	8	7	9	0.7	13	0.8	15
Harm's Way	0.32	12.5	11.8	12	8	14	14	6	1.6	32	2.4	48
West Summit	0.35	11.5	9.9	14	19	18	16	17	1.5	24	2.6	41
Eastland	0.30	11.0	9.2	14	15	18	23	21	3.2	54	3.3	55
Alkali Mesa	0.13	11.7	8.6	11	11	nd	18	22	0.9	18	1.1	22
McCracken Mesa	0.12	9.0	8.3	10	18	16	17	14	2.4	65	2.9	78
<sup>1</sup> from: 10/01/2013 to present <sup>2</sup> from: 10/01/12 to 09/22/13    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>		