



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork across the State for the week ending September 28, 2014. Cooler, moist weather in **Box Elder County** dominated the latter part of the week. This slowed the onion and corn silage harvests. Growers in **Cache County** enjoyed one full week of ideal harvest weather before persistent rains came for the weekend. Monsoon rains in **Garfield and Kane Counties** have improved pasture and range conditions throughout much of the counties. There were 1.6 inches of precipitation in **Iron County** from the latest storm. Recent rains in **Morgan County** have improved range and pasture conditions, but a lot of hay was damaged. A lack of frost has allowed corn to continue to mature. Recent rains in **Uintah County** have improved pasture and ranges but have made it difficult to put up quality hay.

Field Crop Summary

Farmers in **Box Elder County** have been busy harvesting safflower, planting wheat, chopping corn silage, and harvesting high moisture corn as well as topping and hauling onions to storage. Apple harvest is underway as well. In **Cache County**, corn silage, alfalfa, and especially safflower harvest progressed nicely. Yields are good as well as quality. Winter wheat that has been planted is emerging nicely. Growers will plant the rest of their winter wheat as soon as this storm moves out. Producers in **Rich County** are still trying to get the last of the alfalfa and grass hay baled. Corn production in **Weber County** slowed down late in the summer due to cooler weather, but producers are reporting good yields. Recent rains have damaged much of the fourth cutting of alfalfa.

Livestock Summary

Ranchers in **Box Elder County** are pleased with the fall grass situation. The grass has responded well to fall rains and cooler weather. Producers are busy weaning, vaccinating, and shipping calves. Cattle and calves in **Cache County** are doing very well on aftermath and on watered pastures. A few cows remain on pastures in **Rich County** but a high percentage are home grazing on crop aftermath. Due to fall rains aftermath is good to excellent.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 28, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	2	28	67	3
Subsoil	6	31	63	-
Stock water supplies	2	28	66	4

Crop Progress & Development, Livestock Activity for Week Ending September 28, 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)	95	92	98	96
Winter Wheat Planted	84	74	71	62
Winter Wheat Emerged	55	38	34	12
Corn Dough Stage	94	90	94	95
Corn Dent Stage	76	52	90	80
Corn Mature	34	8	62	44
Corn Harvested for Silage	18	NA	58	39
Alfalfa Third Cutting	93	87	92	88
Apples Harvested	40	35	24	34
Peaches Harvested	78	73	90	86
Onions Harvested	54	35	38	48
Sheep Moved From Summer Range	21	9	34	31
Cattle Moved From Summer Range	30	6	34	29

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 28, 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	8	40	47	4
Corn	-	-	11	65	24
Sheep	-	-	13	79	8
Cattle/calves	-	-	15	69	16

Soil Moisture - Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - Sep-29-2014

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"				
	<i>in.</i>	<i>in.</i>	<i>in.</i>	<i>volume %</i>					<i>in.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>in.</i>	<i>%</i>
WESTERN												
Grouse Creek	1.29	15.1	9.8	15	23	13	16	17	2.6	39	1.7	25
Park Valley	1.08	9.8	10.1	12	15	20	nd	18	4.6	102	2.6	57
Goshute	1.12	12.0	8.0	18	nd	20	15	3	0.4	23	0.2	11
Dugway	1.34	7.7	9.3	16	16	19	nd	4	0.5	43	0.4	34
Tule Valley	1.11	6.6	6.6	20	20	23	13	10	4.4	70	4.5	71
Hal's Canyon	1.00	7.7	6.5	12	15	20	11	10	2.2	40	1.1	20
Enterprise	1.51	11.4	9.5	17	41	36	15	16	3.1	78	0.9	22
DIXIE												
Sand Hollow	0.93	10.1	8.7	7	7	7	1	0	1.0	42	0.7	32
NORTH CENTRAL												
Blue Creek	1.52	14.3	9.9	33	21	21	23	20	2.6	50	1.4	27
Cache Junction	1.44	19.4	12.1	38	34	31	29	37	2.4	61	0.0	1
Grantsville	0.75	11.3	10.4	20	13	19	6	nd	2.3	119	1.1	59
SOUTH CENTRAL												
Nephi	1.07	13.0	9.5	29	27	15	7	6	1.5	32	0.5	12
Ephraim	0.94	11.3	10.4	32	38	33	40	38	9.0	97	2.8	31
Holden	1.39	10.2	8.5	13	14	5	13	14	1.0	16	0.5	9
Milford	1.88	9.8	7.5	30	33	25	30	19	3.5	53	1.7	26
Manderfield	1.71	13.6	12.6	26	26	11	12	5	1.3	24	0.5	9
Circleville	1.67	10.5	7.9	25	31	20	10	15	2.7	40	2.2	34
Panguitch	1.69	11.9	10.7	28	35	27	21	33	3.3	57	1.6	28
Cave Valley	1.86	15.4	18.0	6	8	8	7	9	2.6	48	1.5	23
Vermillion	1.54	15.6	11.2	4	11	11	4	8	0.8	18	1.1	24
Spooky	0.40	7.0	9.2	2	2	3	12	2	0.1	5	1.8	74
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	2.44	14.6	12.1	20	22	26	14	11	3.0	42	1.3	19
Chicken Ridge, aspen	2.44	14.6	12.1	18	20	17	4	5	1.0	17	-0.3	-5
Buffalo Jump	2.07	13.7	10.5	23	26	22	8	na	2.1	47	0.9	20
Morgan	1.59	19.6	15.9	30	27	32	36	20	7.9	95	8.1	98
UNTAH BASIN												
Mountain Home	1.88	10.9	7.0	32	28	16	14	7	0.9	14	1.0	17
Little Red Fox	2.00	9.7	8.9	59	53	52	47	45	13.2	184	1.4	19
Split Mountain	1.09	10.3	7.5	23	35	30	25	13	5.6	83	1.7	25
SOUTHEAST												
Price	1.53	9.0	9.5	11	15	15	16	22	2.7	35	3.0	40
Green River	0.87	7.3	5.7	14	10	9	7	8	0.6	12	0.5	10
Harm's Way	0.93	13.4	12.1	18	11	16	14	6	2.0	39	2.1	41
West Summit	1.43	12.9	10.7	23	30	20	15	17	2.2	35	2.5	40
Eastland	1.48	12.5	10.4	29	25	16	23	21	3.8	64	3.9	65
Alkali Mesa	1.13	12.8	8.6	21	11	nd	18	20	1.0	20	0.9	17
McCracken Mesa	1.19	10.2	8.6	27	28	16	16	14	3.1	83	2.7	73
¹ from: 10/01/2013 to present ² from: 10/01/12 to 09/29/13 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			