Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Special Note

Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork across the State. Heavy rainfall impacted many areas, slowing fieldwork, and causing flooding and damage to not only crops and pastures, but infrastructures, too. In **Beaver County**, most of the silage hay had been harvested. Pastures were looking good. **Cache County** growers were enjoying near perfect weather to harvest silage corn and safflower. Recent heavy rains in **Carbon County** helped to alleviate drought conditions. Many high elevation farming areas in **Garfield County** have had mild fall temperatures which extended the growing season by 2-3 weeks. Heavy rains in **Morgan County** brought all field work to a halt this week. Several mornings of 20 degree weather in **Rich County** stopped much growth of grass but pastures and aftermath are still green.

Field Crop Summary

There were still a few corn fields waiting to be harvested in **Box Elder County** but they are gradually being whittled down. There are also some growers harvesting corn for grain in **Cache County**. Overall, field work is winding down throughout the State.

Livestock Summary

Livestock in **Beaver County** look really good. Livestock in **Cache County** were doing well grazing aftermath on cropland. Livestock owners were delighted with prices for their calves. Some beef producers in **Garfield County** were gathering and weaning calves. Cows in **Rich County** were also doing well.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 5, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	*Percent*	*Percent*	*Percent*
Topsoil	1	25	70	4
Subsoil	4	30	66	-
Stock water supplies	3	22	72	3

Crop Progress & Development, Livestock Activity for Week Ending October 5, 2014

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Ave-rage
	Crop Progress			
	Percent	*Percent*	*Percent*	*Percent*
Winter Wheat Planted	87	84	NA	71
Winter Wheat Emerged	66	55	NA	18
Corn Dough Stage	95	94	NA	97
Corn Dented	82	76	NA	86
Corn Mature	49	34	NA	61
Corn Silage Harvested	38	18	NA	56
Alfalfa Third Cutting	95	93	NA	94
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	20	NA	NA	40
Peach Harvested	92	78	NA	91
Apples Harvested	54	40	NA	50
Onions Harvested	70	54	NA	63
Cattle Moved From Summer Ranges	49	30	NA	45
Sheep Moved From Summer Ranges	35	21	NA	50

NA

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending October 5, 2014

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel-lent
	Percent	*Percent*	*Percent*	*Percent*	*Percent*
Range & Pasture	1	7	40	48	4
Corn	-	-	10	63	27
Sheep	-	-	13	79	8
Cattle/calves	-	-	15	69	16

Soil Moisture - Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - Oct-6-2014

Site name	Precip[1]	Current Precip[1]	Prev. Yr. Precip[2]	Soil Moisture[3] 2"	4"	8"	20"	40"	Current Avail. Water**	Current Avail. Water % of AWC*	Prev. Yr. Avail. Water**	Prev. Yr. Avail. Water % of AWC*
	in.	*in.*	*in.*	*volume %*					*in.*	*%*	*in.*	*%*
WESTERN												
Grouse Creek	0.00	0.0	0.2	10	20	12	16	16	2.3	34	1.7	25
Park Valley	0.00	0.0	0.0	9	11	18	nd	17	4.1	92	2.9	65
Goshute	0.01	0.0	0.1	18	nd	16	15	3	0.3	18	0.1	8
Dugway	0.00	0.0	0.0	15	16	19	nd	5	0.4	40	0.4	37
Tule Valley	0.00	0.0	0.0	17	15	24	14	10	4.3	68	4.3	68
Hal's Canyon	0.15	0.2	0.0	7	11	17	12	9	1.7	32	0.9	16
Enterprise	0.00	0.0	0.0	10	38	33	15	16	2.4	61	0.7	19
DIXIE												
Sand Hollow	0.00	0.0	0.0	3	4	4	1	0	0.6	26	0.3	13
NORTH CENTRAL												
Blue Creek	0.00	0.0	0.1	27	26	21	23	20	2.6	51	1.3	26
Cache Junction	0.02	0.0	0.0	32	27	36	29	37	2.5	63	0.0	0
Grantsville	0.00	0.0	0.0	10	13	20	5	nd	2.0	104	1.0	54
SOUTH CENTRAL												
Nephi	0.09	0.1	0.0	21	24	18	7	5	1.3	28	0.3	7
Ephraim	0.29	0.3	0.0	30	37	34	39	38	8.8	94	3.0	32
Holden	0.48	0.5	0.0	9	11	4	12	14	0.7	12	0.5	8
Milford	0.00	0.0	0.0	22	28	27	28	19	3.0	46	1.7	25
Manderfield	0.03	0.0	0.0	26	24	13	11	5	1.1	20	0.5	9
Circleville	0.03	0.0	0.0	9	25	17	8	16	2.0	30	2.1	31
Panguitch	0.06	0.1	0.0	16	28	22	20	33	2.4	42	1.6	28
Cave Valley	0.00	0.0	0.0	1	6	6	5	7	1.8	33	1.2	19
Vermillion	0.00	0.0	0.0	0	8	8	10	8	1.3	26	0.9	18
Spooky	0.00	0.0	0.0	2	2	2	12	2	0.0	2	1.5	60
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	0.00	0.0	0.2	17	20	24	13	11	2.6	36	1.1	16
Chicken Ridge, aspen	0.00	0.0	0.2	15	18	16	4	5	0.8	14	0.0	0
Buffalo Jump	0.00	0.0	0.3	15	20	19	8	na	1.3	30	0.8	18
Morgan	0.00	0.0	0.6	26	23	30	35	20	7.3	88	8.2	98
UINTAH BASIN												
Mountain Home	0.00	0.0	0.0	24	24	25	13	7	1.2	21	0.8	13
Little Red Fox	0.00	0.0	0.0	22	33	43	40	42	9.2	129	1.3	19
Split Mountain	0.01	0.0	0.7	15	30	28	24	13	4.8	71	1.9	28
SOUTHEAST												
Price	0.05	0.1	0.0	6	19	18	16	19	2.7	34	2.8	36
Green River	0.18	0.2	0.0	17	15	8	6	9	0.9	17	0.4	8
Harm's Way	0.23	0.2	0.0	10	15	23	14	6	2.4	47	1.9	38
West Summit	0.11	0.1	0.0	20	26	22	14	17	2.0	32	2.0	31
Eastland	0.03	0.0	0.0	20	19	19	23	21	3.5	60	3.6	61
Alkali Mesa	0.17	0.2	0.0	13	10	nd	17	19	0.5	11	0.8	15
McCracken Mesa	0.00	0.0	0.0	19	24	23	16	14	3.3	89	2.3	61

[1]from: 10/01/2014 to present [2]from: 10/01/13 to 10/06/13 na = no sensor

[3]Soil moisture at selected sites is 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**