



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 7.0 days suitable for field work across the State. Because of the rains and good temperatures in **Beaver County** more farmers are getting a fourth crop of alfalfa than they have in other years. **Box Elder County** had a week of very good weather. Growers in **Cache County** were grateful for more good weather to get crops harvested. The return of dry weather in **Weber County** has allowed producers to finish up corn silage harvest and fourth cutting of alfalfa.

Field Crop Summary

Onion farmers in **Box Elder County** were busy this week hauling onions to storage. The conditions this week were ideal and onions look good. Chopping of corn silage is nearly complete. There were some areas that had frost damage but overall the crop looked very good. Winter wheat is nearly all planted and mostly up. Corn silage harvest in **Cache County** is moving along nicely. Safflower harvest is almost done, although there has been some sprout damage. Yields on fourth crop alfalfa hay have been good, though it is very slow in drying. Most growers are chopping for haylage, but some are finally getting it dry enough to bale. Corn silage harvest in **Daggett County** is in full swing. Producers in **Morgan County** are working hard to finish up corn silage and third crop alfalfa harvests.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 12, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	2	27	70	1
Subsoil	4	31	64	1
Stock water supplies	2	22	76	-

Crop Progress & Development, Livestock Activity for Week Ending October 12, 2014

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Crop Progress			
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Winter Wheat Planted	92	87	NA	80
Winter Wheat Emerged	76	66	NA	26
Corn Dented	87	82	NA	91
Corn Mature	68	49	NA	74
Corn Grain Harvested	2	NA	NA	21
Corn Silage Harvested	63	38	NA	71
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	45	20	NA	71
Peaches Harvested	96	92	NA	96
Apples Harvested	69	54	NA	66
Onions Harvested	77	70	NA	79
Cattle Moved From Summer Range	60	49	NA	63
Sheep Moved From Summer Range	49	35	NA	67

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending October 12, 2014

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	1	7	39	49	4
Corn	-	-	10	63	27
Winter Wheat	-	-	9	79	12
Sheep	-	-	13	79	8
Cattle/calves	-	-	15	69	16

Livestock Summary

Calves in **Box Elder County** are being weaned and prepared for shipment. Cattle in **Cache County** are doing quite well grazing crop residue and fall pastures.

Soil Moisture - Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - Oct-14-2014

Site name	Precip ¹ <i>in.</i>	Current Precip ¹ <i>in.</i>	Prev. Yr. Precip ² <i>in.</i>	Soil Moisture ³					Current Avail. Water** <i>in.</i>	Current Avail. Water % of AWC* <i>%</i>	Prev. Yr. Avail. Water** <i>in.</i>	Prev. Yr. Avail. Water % of AWC* <i>%</i>
				2"	4"	8"	20"	40"				
				<i>volume %</i>								
WESTERN												
Grouse Creek	0.00	0.0	0.4	4	16	12	16	17	2.1	31	1.6	23
Park Valley	0.00	0.0	1.1	5	7	16	nd	15	3.1	69	3.7	82
Goshute	0.00	0.0	0.7	16	nd	20	15	3	0.3	18	0.7	36
Dugway	0.00	0.0	0.9	14	17	19	nd	5	0.4	41	0.4	39
Tule Valley	0.00	0.0	0.4	13	13	25	13	10	4.1	65	4.2	67
Hal's Canyon	0.00	0.2	0.7	3	8	13	11	10	1.2	23	1.2	23
Enterprise	0.00	0.0	0.3	8	34	30	15	16	2.1	54	0.6	15
DIXIE												
Sand Hollow	0.00	0.0	0.2	1	1	0	1	0	0.1	3	0.1	6
NORTH CENTRAL												
Blue Creek	0.02	0.0	0.4	20	22	21	22	19	2.0	39	1.3	25
Cache Junction	0.00	0.0	0.3	21	19	33	29	37	1.9	49	0.0	0
Grantsville	0.00	0.0	1.1	5	12	19	6	nd	1.9	98	1.2	63
SOUTH CENTRAL												
Nephi	0.00	0.1	0.5	15	17	16	7	4	0.6	14	0.3	6
Ephraim	0.00	0.3	0.3	25	33	33	39	37	8.3	90	2.9	31
Holden	0.00	0.5	0.3	6	7	2	13	13	0.6	10	0.4	6
Milford	0.00	0.0	0.3	18	25	26	28	18	2.7	41	1.6	24
Manderfield	0.00	0.0	0.7	20	22	13	11	5	0.9	17	0.4	7
Circleville	0.00	0.0	0.3	10	21	15	9	15	1.7	25	1.9	28
Panguitch	0.00	0.1	0.4	10	22	18	20	33	1.9	33	1.6	27
Cave Valley	0.00	0.0	1.0	1	4	5	4	7	1.5	27	1.8	28
Vermillion	0.00	0.0	0.6	0	6	6	10	8	1.0	21	0.8	16
Spooky	0.00	0.0	0.0	1	1	2	12	2	0.0	2	1.3	53
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	0.08	0.1	0.3	14	17	21	14	11	2.2	30	0.9	12
Chicken Ridge, aspen	0.08	0.1	0.3	12	16	14	4	5	0.5	9	0.0	0
Buffalo Jump	0.11	0.1	0.5	11	16	16	8	na	0.9	20	0.7	15
Morgan	0.01	0.0	0.8	25	21	28	34	20	7.0	84	8.0	96
UNTAH BASIN												
Mountain Home	0.02	0.0	0.1	16	20	25	12	7	0.8	14	0.7	11
Little Red Fox	0.04	0.0	0.2	14	31	41	39	41	8.6	120	1.3	18
Split Mountain	0.00	0.0	1.1	12	25	24	23	13	4.2	62	1.9	28
SOUTHEAST												
Price	0.00	0.1	0.7	2	16	19	16	19	2.7	35	2.6	34
Green River	0.00	0.2	0.3	16	12	9	6	8	0.7	14	0.5	9
Harm's Way	0.08	0.3	0.9	4	12	18	13	6	1.6	32	2.2	42
West Summit	0.07	0.2	0.6	15	20	19	15	16	1.4	22	2.0	32
Eastland	0.14	0.2	0.9	14	15	16	22	21	2.9	49	3.9	66
Alkali Mesa	0.04	0.2	0.0	9	9	nd	17	19	0.5	10	0.8	16
McCracken Mesa	0.08	0.1	0.4	13	21	20	15	13	2.7	72	2.4	65
¹ from: 10/01/2014 to present ² from: 10/01/13 to 10/14/13 na = no sensor									What the colors mean:			
										= below wilting point (WP); too dry		
										= between WP & FC; ideal		
										= above field capacity (FC); too wet		
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												