



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions
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Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 6.9 days suitable for field work across the State for the week ending October 19, 2014. In **Beaver County**, fall farm work was going well. Farmers were finishing fourth crop alfalfa and chopping corn. Very good weather for harvesting and field work was observed in **Box Elder County** for the past week. Corn for grain was being cut even though the moisture was still in the 20 percent range. Some producers were putting it through corn dryers. Corn fields were still being prepared for planting to fall wheat as they get the corn removed. Growers in **Cache County** continued to enjoy good harvesting conditions. Several growers were amazed they have been able to get fourth crop alfalfa dry enough to bale this late in the season. Growers in **Summit County** were finishing up with tillage work prior to winter weather.

Field Crop Summary

Alfalfa in **Box Elder County** was still being cut and baled, and the nice warm days were helping the crop dry for baling. Onion producers were still working on getting onions hauled to storage, but they were getting close to finishing up on the crop. Corn silage harvest in **Cache County** was almost finished, as is safflower. Winter wheat has emerged nicely. Most were almost finished with the harvest and will spend the remaining days doing fall tillage and other chores.

Livestock Summary

Cattle in **Beaver County** were being moved off public ranges. They look really good. Ranchers in **Box Elder County** were turning sheep into alfalfa fields and most sheep, cattle and calves have returned from summer ranges and pastures. Calves were being marketed. Fall and winter grazing conditions looked good. Cattle in **Rich County** were in good to excellent shape. Livestock producers in **Summit County** were in full swing shipping calves and lambs to market. Some of the lower elevation winter ranges in **Wayne County** had good feed but the summer monsoon did not fill the ponds.

**Soil Moisture Condition & Stock Water Supply
 for Week Ending October 19, 2014**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	2	33	64	1
Subsoil	4	34	61	1
Stock water supplies	2	24	74	-

**Crop Progress & Development, Livestock Activity
 for Week Ending October 19, 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>
Winter Wheat Planted	94	92	88	85
Winter Wheat Emerged	80	76	58	43
Corn Dented	91	87	95	95
Corn Matured	85	68	86	83
Corn Grain Harvested	26	NA	46	31
Corn Silage Harvested	86	63	95	84
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	71	45	82	84
Onions Harvested	88	77	83	89
Apples Harvested	83	69	73	78
Cattle Moved From Summer Range	72	60	82	78
Sheep Moved From Summer Range	75	49	86	80

**Crop & Livestock Condition
 for Week Ending October 19, 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	7	40	48	4
Corn	-	-	10	61	29
Winter wheat	-	-	9	78	13
Sheep	-	-	13	79	8
Cattle/calves	-	-	15	68	17

Soil Moisture - Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - Oct-20-2014

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	3	14	12	16	16	2.0	30	1.5	22
Park Valley	0.00	0.0	1.2	4	6	15	nd	20	4.5	99	4.3	96
Goshute	0.00	0.0	0.7	16	nd	16	13	3	0.3	15	0.3	17
Dugway	0.00	0.0	0.9	13	16	19	nd	5	0.4	37	0.4	39
Tule Valley	0.00	0.0	0.4	12	13	23	15	10	4.1	65	4.3	68
Hal's Canyon	0.00	0.2	0.7	2	7	11	12	10	1.2	23	1.0	18
Enterprise	0.00	0.0	0.3	7	32	28	15	16	1.9	47	0.6	14
DIXIE												
Sand Hollow	0.00	0.0	0.2	1	0	0	1	1	0.1	6	0.1	5
NORTH CENTRAL												
Blue Creek	0.00	0.0	0.6	16	19	21	22	19	1.9	37	1.2	23
Cache Junction	0.00	0.0	0.4	19	17	31	29	37	1.7	42	0.0	0
Grantsville	0.00	0.0	1.2	3	13	19	6	nd	2.0	104	1.2	61
SOUTH CENTRAL												
Nephi	0.00	0.1	0.8	14	16	15	7	4	0.5	10	0.4	10
Ephraim	0.00	0.3	0.4	23	32	33	40	37	8.4	90	3.0	32
Holden	0.00	0.5	0.4	5	7	1	13	13	0.6	10	0.3	6
Milford	0.00	0.0	0.3	17	24	25	28	18	2.6	39	1.4	22
Manderfield	0.00	0.0	0.8	18	20	14	11	5	0.7	13	0.4	7
Circleville	0.00	0.0	0.3	10	20	15	9	16	1.6	24	1.9	28
Panguitch	0.00	0.1	0.4	7	19	15	20	32	1.8	30	1.5	25
Cave Valley	0.00	0.0	1.0	1	3	4	4	6	1.3	25	1.5	24
Vermillion	0.00	0.0	0.6	0	4	5	10	7	0.8	17	0.7	14
Spooky	0.00	0.0	0.0	1	1	2	12	2	0.1	4	1.2	49
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	0.00	0.1	0.3	12	15	19	14	11	1.9	27	0.8	11
Chicken Ridge, aspen	0.00	0.1	0.3	11	15	13	4	5	0.4	7	0.0	0
Buffalo Jump	0.00	0.1	0.5	10	14	15	9	na	0.7	16	0.5	12
Morgan	0.00	0.0	0.8	23	21	28	34	20	6.7	81	7.9	96
UNTAH BASIN												
Mountain Home	0.00	0.0	0.2	14	17	24	13	6	0.7	12	0.7	11
Little Red Fox	0.00	0.0	0.3	11	31	40	37	39	7.9	111	1.2	17
Split Mountain	0.00	0.0	1.3	11	23	23	22	13	3.9	57	1.8	27
SOUTHEAST												
Price	0.00	0.1	0.7	1	15	19	15	19	2.6	34	2.5	32
Green River	0.00	0.2	0.3	15	11	8	6	9	0.7	13	0.3	6
Harm's Way	0.00	0.3	0.9	1	9	15	14	6	1.4	27	2.0	39
West Summit	0.00	0.2	0.6	14	18	18	15	17	1.3	20	1.7	27
Eastland	0.01	0.2	0.9	11	13	12	23	21	2.5	43	3.7	62
Alkali Mesa	0.00	0.2	0.0	8	9	nd	16	18	0.4	7	0.6	12
McCracken Mesa	0.00	0.1	0.4	11	20	19	16	14	2.5	68	2.1	58
¹ from: 10/01/2014 to present ² from: 10/01/13 to 10/20/13 na = no sensor									What the colors mean:			
³ Soil moisture at selected sites is 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			