



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 26, 2014. Farmers in **Beaver County** were finishing fourth crop alfalfa hay. Warm and dry weather during the past week contributed to excellent conditions for harvesting and field work in **Box Elder County**. Producers continued to cut corn for grain and run it through corn dryers for storage. The harvest for alfalfa hay also continued. Farmers were still planting winter wheat, and the wheat that had emerged was in good condition. Most onions had been harvested and placed in storage. In **Cache County**, farmers were completing harvest of corn for silage, fourth crop alfalfa hay, and safflower. Dry weather in **Weber County** allowed producers to finish corn for silage and onions.

Field Crop Summary

Growers in **Box Elder County** were busy last week with fall plowing, harvesting alfalfa hay and corn for grain, and planting winter wheat. Onion producers had finished hauling onions to storage sheds, and they reported good yields and quality for the onions. Onion prices were reported to be good for the beginning of the marketing season. Growers in **Cache County** were finishing up harvesting of corn for silage, fourth cutting of alfalfa hay, and harvesting of some safflower. Corn for grain had only been harvested in small amounts. Dry weather in **Weber County** allowed onion and corn silage growers to finish harvesting. Some producers were still baling fourth crop alfalfa hay.

Livestock Summary

Cattle in **Beaver County** were being moved off ranges and into meadows. They continued to look really good. Ranchers in **Box Elder County** were busy marketing calves and bringing cows and calves back from summer ranges. Cattle in **Cache County** were being weaned and shipped with prices reported to be exceptional. Livestock producers in **Garfield County** were selling calves and conducting fall activities such as pregnancy testing, vaccinations, and culling.

**Soil Moisture Condition & Stock Water Supply
 for Week Ending October 26, 2014**

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	3	35	61	1
Subsoil	6	35	58	1
Stock water supplies	8	23	69	-

**Crop Progress & Development, Livestock Activity
 for Week Ending October 26, 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	94	94	91
Winter Wheat Emerged	85	80	74	60
Corn Dented	94	91	98	97
Corn Matured	91	85	93	90
Corn Grain Harvested	40	26	57	43
Corn Silage Harvested	96	86	99	92
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	87	71	93	89
Onions Harvested	96	88	93	96
Apples Harvested	88	83	84	88
Cattle Moved From Summer Range	86	72	89	88
Sheep Moved From Summer Range	90	75	92	88

**Crop & Livestock Condition
 for Week Ending October 26, 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	39	48	5
Corn	-	-	9	62	29
Sheep	-	-	13	80	7
Cattle/calves	-	-	16	69	15
Winter Wheat	-	-	10	75	15

Soil Moisture - Utah Soil Climate Analysis Network - Oct-27-2014

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"				
WESTERN												
Grouse Creek	0.00	0.0	0.4	2	12	12	16	17	2.0	29	1.5	23
Park Valley	0.00	0.0	1.2	3	5	14	nd	20	4.6	103	4.1	92
Goshute	0.00	0.0	0.7	15	nd	13	13	3	0.2	13	0.2	14
Dugway	0.00	0.0	0.9	12	15	19	nd	6	0.4	33	0.4	35
Tule Valley	0.00	0.0	0.4	11	12	23	14	9	3.8	61	4.1	64
Hal's Canyon	0.00	0.2	0.7	1	5	10	11	9	1.0	18	1.0	18
Enterprise	0.00	0.0	0.3	6	29	26	14	16	1.5	38	0.6	16
DIXIE												
Sand Hollow	0.00	0.0	0.2	0	1	0	1	0	0.1	6	0.0	2
NORTH CENTRAL												
Blue Creek	0.00	0.0	0.6	14	17	21	22	19	1.8	35	1.2	23
Cache Junction	0.03	0.1	0.4	18	17	29	28	37	1.4	36	0.0	0
Grantsville	0.00	0.0	1.2	2	12	20	6	nd	1.9	99	1.1	57
SOUTH CENTRAL												
Nephi	0.00	0.1	0.8	12	15	14	7	4	0.3	8	0.4	8
Ephraim	0.01	0.3	0.4	21	31	32	39	37	8.1	87	2.9	31
Holden	0.00	0.5	0.4	4	6	0	13	13	0.6	10	0.3	6
Milford	0.00	0.0	0.3	15	23	25	29	18	2.5	39	1.5	22
Manderfield	0.00	0.0	0.8	17	17	14	11	5	0.7	13	0.4	7
Circleville	0.00	0.0	0.3	9	18	14	9	15	1.4	22	1.7	26
Panguitch	0.00	0.1	0.4	6	18	13	20	32	1.7	29	1.5	25
Cave Valley	0.00	0.0	1.0	1	2	3	5	5	1.1	21	1.6	25
Vermillion	0.00	0.0	0.6	0	2	4	9	7	0.6	12	0.6	12
Spooky	0.00	0.0	0.0	0	1	2	12	1	0.0	1	1.1	45
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	0.13	0.2	0.3	9	14	17	14	11	1.7	24	0.8	11
Chicken Ridge, aspen	0.13	0.2	0.3	10	14	13	4	5	0.3	5	0.0	0
Buffalo Jump	0.08	0.2	0.5	9	13	14	9	na	0.6	13	0.5	12
Morgan	0.08	0.1	0.8	24	20	27	34	20	6.6	80	7.8	94
UNTAH BASIN												
Mountain Home	0.23	0.3	0.2	12	16	23	12	5	0.6	11	0.6	11
Little Red Fox	0.12	0.2	0.3	11	30	39	37	39	7.8	109	1.2	17
Split Mountain	0.27	0.3	1.3	15	23	22	21	12	3.7	55	1.9	28
SOUTHEAST												
Price	0.04	0.1	0.7	1	14	18	16	20	2.7	34	2.5	32
Green River	0.03	0.2	0.3	15	11	9	6	8	0.6	11	0.4	7
Harm's Way	0.01	0.3	0.9	1	7	13	13	6	1.1	22	2.0	39
West Summit	0.00	0.2	0.6	12	17	16	14	17	1.0	16	1.6	26
Eastland	0.04	0.2	0.9	10	11	11	22	20	2.2	37	3.7	62
Alkali Mesa	0.00	0.2	0.0	6	9	nd	16	18	0.3	6	0.7	14
McCracken Mesa	0.00	0.1	0.4	9	17	17	16	14	2.1	58	2.0	53

¹from: 10/01/2014 to present ²from: 10/01/13 to 10/26/13 na = no sensor

³Soil 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