



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 6.2 days suitable for field work across the State for the week ending July 13, 2014. **Washington County** reported the soil was still dry and the grasses were struggling to green up despite receiving rain last week. Thunder showers in **Garfield County** offered some relief to drought conditions. **Beaver County** producers began harvesting their second cutting of alfalfa, but were cutting a lot of green hay. Pastures and ranges were very dry, but were starting to get a little rain. Limited rain fell toward the end of the week to help with dry conditions in **Summit County**. **Weber County** reported crops were progressing well. Both first and second cuttings of alfalfa have been harvested with very little rain damage. **Rich County** producers began to harvest the first cutting of alfalfa. **Morgan County** crops were progressing well. **Box Elder County** reported hot weather, which made for great growing conditions where adequate irrigation water was present.

Field Crop Summary

By July 13, the corn crop was reported to be 40 inches tall. Farmers in **Box Elder County** were making preparations to start harvesting wheat and barley. The dryland crop looked good considering the lack of meaningful precipitation this spring. Many producers credit the rain storms from last fall for the good stand this year. Irrigated wheat and alfalfa looks good as does the corn. Many producers postponed their second crop because of a few storms last week. **Summit County** farmers are finishing up 1st crop alfalfa cutting and working on cutting pastures for grass hay. **Cache County** growers are feverishly spraying for spider mites in corn and pea aphids in alfalfa. The corn is almost too tall to use ground sprayers, but ground rigs seem to be more effective than applications by air. An evening rain earlier in the week helped refresh pastures and rangelands, but their productivity is dwindling.

Livestock Summary

Many **Box Elder County** ranchers have their cows and calves and sheep in higher pastures. Livestock producers indicate the animals are doing well for the most part on summer ranges. Some water supplies have diminished which necessitates hauling additional water or moving to new pastures. **Summit County** ranchers report livestock look good on summer ranges. Some sheep ranchers report higher than normal predator losses for this time of year. Cows in **Rich County** are being moved into higher elevations. Grass is good and recent rain will help even more. Calf prices remain high.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending July 14, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	18	47	35	-
Subsoil	16	50	34	-
Stock Water Supplies	14	31	55	-

Crop Progress & Development, for Week Ending July 14, 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 Harvested	35	33	6	8
Barley Headed	96	93	98	93
Barley Harvested	4	NA	1	2
Oats Headed	70	59	89	79
Corn Silking	1	0	9	4
Spring Wheat Harvested	2	NA	NA	NA
Alfalfa Second Cutting	38	21	43	28
Other Hay First Cutting	90	86	79	75
Sweet Cherries Harvested	65	50	73	61
Tart Cherries Harvested	16	1	14	22
Apricots Harvested	32	21	NA	NA

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending July 14, 2014

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter Wheat	3	5	30	47	15
Spring Wheat	-	3	17	60	20
Barley	-	-	8	69	23
Oats	-	-	15	75	10
Corn	-	-	20	58	22
Cattle/calves	-	1	22	65	12
Sheep	-	-	16	77	7
Range & Pasture	3	18	42	36	1

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

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"				
				volume %								
WESTERN												
Grouse Creek	0.59	9.3	7.2	4	7	13	16	17	2.0	29	2.1	30
Park Valley	0.03	6.3	8.1	1	0	13	17	17	4.2	76	5.8	106
Goshute	0.24	6.6	6.0	13	0	12	6	3	0.2	6	0.3	9
Dugway	0.00	4.4	6.1	2	11	8	nd	5	0.0	0	0.0	3
Tule Valley	0.00	3.8	5.0	8	10	25	15	11	4.3	87	4.8	97
Hal's Canyon	0.24	3.2	3.1	3	6	8	12	10	1.0	19	0.9	17
Enterprise	2.06	6.2	5.3	13	36	23	14	16	1.6	39	0.7	18
DIXIE												
Sand Hollow	0.00	6.0	4.7	0	0	1	1	0	0.1	6	0.2	9
NORTH CENTRAL												
Blue Creek	0.00	9.5	8.1	10	16	24	28	21	3.0	71	2.8	65
Cache Junction	0.22	13.1	10.6	21	19	30	29	37	1.6	41	0.2	5
Grantsville	0.36	7.8	7.7	2	12	19	6	nd	1.8	54	1.1	34
SOUTH CENTRAL												
Nephi	0.23	7.8	6.8	10	14	16	8	7	0.8	18	0.7	15
Ephraim	0.07	7.0	6.9	3	7	16	16	33	0.8	17	0.8	17
Holden	0.13	6.1	6.1	2	4	1	13	15	0.9	14	0.7	11
Milford	0.71	4.6	5.0	19	23	22	30	18	2.5	38	2.2	34
Manderfield	1.16	7.7	7.3	14	14	13	12	5	0.6	11	0.6	11
Circleville	0.01	3.0	3.2	7	8	7	9	16	1.1	17	0.4	6
Panguitch	0.21	4.5	4.3	4	17	13	21	27	1.3	22	1.6	27
Cave Valley	0.09	7.8	10.3	4	0	0	0	1	0.1	2	0.1	2
Vermillion	1.03	7.8	5.3	1	6	4	5	8	0.1	2	0.0	1
Spooky	0.03	4.5	3.4	3	1	4	13	2	0.1	4	0.0	2
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS												
Chicken Ridge, sagebrush	0.27	6.6	7.9	2	7	8	12	12	0.9	13	0.8	12
Chicken Ridge, aspen	0.27	6.6	7.9	4	7	7	7	9	0.0	0	0.0	0
Buffalo Jump	0.10	7.2	6.4	7	11	10	9	na	0.2	4	0.1	2
Morgan	0.01	13.2	13.7	26	22	27	34	23	7.0	83	na	na
UNTAH BASIN												
Mountain Home	0.09	4.2	6.7	6	13	20	16	9	0.4	7	0.7	12
Little Red Fox	0.09	2.7	5.6	3	12	19	24	19	1.5	22	1.7	24
Split Mountain	0.00	5.0	4.7	1	12	12	15	13	1.5	23	1.6	24
SOUTHEAST												
Price	0.02	4.0	5.5	1	8	14	18	21	2.7	35	2.5	32
Green River	0.01	3.6	2.8	5	7	9	7	10	4.3	80	4.8	89
Harm's Way	1.36	8.5	4.4	6	16	21	14	6	2.2	44	1.2	24
West Summit	0.32	6.4	3.4	9	16	15	16	18	1.1	18	0.8	13
Eastland	0.10	6.1	3.7	7	11	11	24	21	2.6	44	3.0	51
Alkali Mesa	0.02	5.3	5.5	6	7	16	20	14	1.0	20	0.9	19
McCracken Mesa	0.00	5.8	5.2	8	11	14	17	14	2.0	54	2.1	56
¹ from: 10/01/2013 to present ² from: 10/01/12 to 07/14/13 na = no sensor									What the colors mean:			
³ Soil moisture at selected sites is now 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		