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WEEK IN BRIEF:

**Christmas Tree Farms Were Open For Business
Precipitation Across Washington Improved Range and Pasture Conditions**

FIELD CROPS

Showers received across the state last week slowed fall fieldwork. Winter wheat emergence was completed. Christmas tree farms were open for business. Pierce and King Counties reported damage to the onion crop due to heavy rains.

LIVESTOCK

Precipitation continued to improve range and pasture conditions. Range and pasture conditions were 5% very poor, 40% poor, 50% fair, and 5% good.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Orchards began pruning fruit trees. Weed and rodent control were the main farm activities last week. Winter vegetables continued to be harvested for local farmers markets.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork	
This Week	Last Week
2.6	4.2

Crop/Activity	Crop Progress			
	% Completed			
	This Week	Last Week	2000	5 Yr. Avg.
Winter Wheat Emerged	100	99	100	99
Corn Harvested for Grain	90	69	92	82

Soil Type	Soil Moisture and Supply			
	% Acreage			
	VS	SH	AD	S
Topsoil	-	25	70	5
Subsoil	10	45	45	-
Irrigation Water	-	5	95	-
Hay and Roughage	5	10	85	-

VS=Very Short, SH=Short, AD=Adequate, S=Surplus

Crop	Crop Condition *				
	% Acreage				
	VP	P	F	G	EX
Winter Wheat	2	4	63	28	3

* Crop conditions are a measure of the growing conditions and are not indicative of the quality of the crop produced.

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COUNTY COMMENTS

WESTERN

Clallam/Jefferson: Weather conditions were as expected for late fall. Overall seasonal precipitation was still below normal. There were no reports of crop loss or damage.

Pierce/South King: Crop conditions were poor. The area received above normal amounts of precipitation during the week. Producers were unable to get into fields due to very wet conditions. There were reports of damage to the onion crop because of the heavy rains.

Skagit: Several hundred acres of potatoes were

still unharvested due to wet conditions. Many of the reds or whites will probably be lost. Research proposals to the Northwest Agriculture Research Foundation were just sent to commodity groups and will be considered for funding next week.

Snohomish/North King: Weather conditions were normal for fall. Rain was heavy at times during the week. Christmas tree farms kicked off the season with brisk business over the weekend.

CENTRAL

Benton: Recent rains helped the soil moisture situation. Weed and rodent control were major activities. Pruning began in many areas.

Grant: Fall fieldwork was nearly complete.

Yakima: Average temperatures ranged from 1 to 7 degrees above normal, with .75 inches of precipitation received. No crop damage related to weather conditions was reported.

EASTERN

Adams: Precipitation during the week improved topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions. Subsoil moisture conditions continued to remain in mostly short supply, and additional precipitation is needed before the ground freezes.

Asotin/Garfield: Additional precipitation was received in many areas. Some areas were still far below normal for the year. Winter wheat improved as the majority has now emerged, with the exception of late seeded annual cropping.

The majority of fieldwork was completed for the year. Rangeland and pastures were going into winter with very little fall growth. Additional moisture is needed to recharge subsoil moisture for the crops and rangeland.

Lincoln: Precipitation improved both subsoil and surface moisture.

Lincoln (2nd Report): Rain showers and mild temperatures will help the winter wheat crop.

Rainfall slowed fieldwork operations. Moisture conditions continued to be very poor. We awoke to a winter wonderland on Sunday. There was a slight dusting of snow throughout most of the county.

Whitman: Rain and wet field conditions halted fieldwork for the week.

This will be the last weekly crop weather report until April 1, 2002.

WEEKLY WEATHER STATISTICS
November 26, 2001

Station	Air Temperature				Growing Degree Days				Last Week Precipitation			Season Precipitation			
	LO	HI	AVG	DFN	Base 50F		Base 60F		Total			Total		% Normal	Days
					TOT	DFN	TOT	DFN	Inches	DFN	Days	Inches	DFN		
WEST															
Bellingham	32	61	46	5	6	6	0	0	1.46	0.24	6	9.89	0.40	104	39
Everett	39	54	47	4	2	0	0	0	2.23	1.02	6	9.01	-0.25	97	42
Hoquiam	40	55	48	2	3	-4	0	0	3.23	0.71	7	15.64	-2.20	88	40
Kelso	39	55	48	5	2	-5	0	0	2.50	0.85	7	9.33	-2.25	81	32
Olympia	37	53	45	5	1	-3	0	0	3.56	1.53	7	14.18	0.97	107	35
Seattle-Tacoma	39	54	47	4	3	-4	0	0	2.40	0.93	6	11.24	1.34	114	40
Shelton	38	52	45	3	0	-7	0	0	4.16	1.58	7	19.53	2.95	118	39
Tacoma	39	59	47	5	1	-1	0	0	2.09	0.59	6	8.78	-1.36	87	26
Vancouver	40	55	49	6	3	-3	0	0	2.24	0.74	7	8.65	-1.32	87	35
CENTRAL															
Ellensburg	26	48	39	6	0	-6	0	0	0.50	0.19	4	1.42	-0.59	71	15
Omak	24	51	40	10	0	0	0	0	0.91	0.49	5	2.51	-0.47	84	18
Stampede Pass	26	38	31	4	0	0	0	0	3.13	0.07	6	24.84	4.96	125	43
Wenatchee	31	51	41	7	0	0	0	0	0.75	0.47	5	1.04	-0.72	59	12
Yakima AP	29	53	41	5	0	0	0	0	0.50	0.22	4	1.27	-0.43	75	14
NORTHEAST															
Colville	28	53	40	9	0	0	0	0	0.92	0.22	5	3.63	-0.92	80	23
Deer Park	27	52	39	7	0	0	0	0	1.07	0.39	5	6.11	2.03	150	30
Spokane AP	29	51	39	7	0	0	0	0	0.84	0.28	5	4.29	0.82	124	26
EAST CENTRAL															
Ephrata	29	52	41	7	0	0	0	-1	0.78	0.50	5	1.79	0.16	110	18
Moses Lake	28	53	42	8	0	0	0	-1	0.43	0.15	5	1.59	-0.04	98	18
Quincy	28	52	42	7	0	-2	0	0	0.70	0.41	5	1.27	-0.56	69	15
Ritzville	30	53	42	8	0	-3	0	0	0.78	0.36	5	2.86	0.20	108	18
SOUTHEAST															
Hanford	30	56	44	5	0	-7	0	-1	0.56	0.28	6	1.31	-0.24	85	15
Pasco	28	57	45	5	1	-6	0	0	0.32	0.04	5	1.50	-0.26	85	14
Pullman	30	51	40	5	0	0	0	0	1.30	0.62	4	4.62	0.02	100	20
Walla Walla AP	32	62	44	4	1	-6	0	0	0.69	0.06	5	4.29	-0.40	91	23
Whitman Mission	27	58	43	4	0	-7	0	0	0.71	0.25	6	4.34	1.14	136	25
WESTERN IDAHO PANHANDLE															
Coeur D'A'AP	30	52	41	5	0	0	0	0	0.98	0.14	5	5.46	-0.04	99	34
Lewiston ID	31	55	46	7	0	0	0	0	0.46	0.18	4	3.02	0.39	115	25

Summary based on NWS data.
 Season Cumulative Precip Starts: Wednesday September 1, 2001
 DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period).
 NA = Data Unavailable

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
 Precipitation Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.
 Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.
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