



Washington Crop Weather

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Cherry Harvest was Wrapping up in the Central Washington Area. Cereal Grain Harvests Continued

Field Crops

Eastern Washington continued to experience warm dry conditions. Wheat and barley harvests were in full swing last week. Several counties have reported lower than expected yields. Early potato and sweet corn harvests were beginning in western Washington. Onion harvest continued. Christmas tree growers were trimming and top working Noble and Fraser firs.

Livestock

Range and pasture conditions remained dry in the lower elevations. Douglas and Chelan Counties have requested ECP assistance for livestock water. Second cutting alfalfa harvest finished up, while third cutting alfalfa and grass hay harvests continued. Range and pasture conditions were 42% poor, 48% fair and 10% good.

Fruit and Vegetables

Blueberry and raspberry harvests were in full swing with excellent yields reported. Cauliflower, broccoli and pea harvest continued. Cucumber harvest began earlier than usual this season. Cherry harvest was wrapping up in the central Washington area. Daffodil and tulip bulb harvests were nearly complete.

Days Suitable for Field Work

Week	Days
This Week	6.9
Last Week	6.9

Moisture and Supply

Item	% Acreage			
	VS	SH	AD	S
Top Soil	14	43	43	0
Subsoil	0	35	65	0
Irrigation Water	0	0	100	0
Hay & Roughage	0	0	100	0

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

Crop Progress

Crop/Activity	Percent Completed			
	This Week	Last Week	2001	5 Yr. Avg.
Spring Wheat Harvested	30	15	29	28
Winter Wheat Harvested	60	39	55	55
Barley Harvested	23	11	19	29
Potatoes Harvested	25	20	16	14
Corn Silage Harvested	3	1	0	1
Dry Peas Harvested	20	14	28	35
Alfalfa Hay 2nd Cutting	100	95	95	97
Alfalfa Hay 3rd Cutting	30	26	39	36

Crop Condition*

Crop	% Acreage				
	VP	P	F	G	EX
Winter Wheat Dryland	1	9	50	35	5
Winter Wheat Irrigated	0	0	0	100	0
Spring Wheat Dryland	1	20	58	21	0
Spring Wheat Irrigated	0	0	0	100	0
Barley Dryland	0	10	62	28	0
Barley Irrigated	0	0	0	100	0
Potatoes	0	0	15	85	0
Corn	0	0	15	85	0
Dry Edible Beans	0	0	5	95	0

VP=Very Poor P=Poor F=Fair G=Good EX=Excellent

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

COUNTY COMMENTS

Western

Grays Harbor: Cool temperatures and several heavy rain showers early in the week helped to alleviate drought conditions in some parts of the county. For the most part however, soils throughout the county continued to remain very dry. Blueberry and raspberry harvest continued with excellent yields being reported. Christmas tree growers continued shearing and top working Noble and Fraser fir. The sweet corn crop continued to grow rapidly. Daffodil and tulip bulb harvest was nearly complete.

Pierce/South King: Crop conditions remained good for the South Puget Sound area. A thunderstorm came through the area on Sunday, August 4, with hard rain and hail in some areas. There were no reports of crop damage from the storm.

Skagit: Harvest continued on cauliflower, broccoli, cucumbers, peas, early potatoes, and blueberries. Harvest was winding down on raspberries.

Cucumber harvest started a bit earlier than usual. A good rain early in the week helped immensely, though it was not beneficial to swathed spinach seed. Most crops were looking good so far.

Snohomish/North King: Temperatures were cooler than normal the early part of the week and then back to normal range by the end of the week. Early varieties of sweet corn started showing up at roadside stands and farmer's markets. Raspberry harvest wound down, as blueberry harvest picked up. Grass hay harvest continued around the area.

Thurston: Unseasonable cool temperatures early in the week, along with light rain showers did little to impact crop development. Soils throughout the county continued to be very dry. Christmas tree growers continued shearing and top working trees. Blueberry harvest was in full swing, with raspberry harvest having peaked last week. Non-irrigated pastures and hay fields remained very dry.

Central

Douglas/Chelan: Dry conditions affected wheat yields. ECP assistance for livestock water has been requested. The cherry harvest was complete. Wheat and barley harvest continued. Some orchards were affected by the fire at Lake Chelan. Total of losses were not known as yet.

Okanogan/Ferry: The cherry harvest was complete. Pasture conditions remained dry in the

lower elevations and fair in the higher mountain ranges. The wheat harvest continued.

Yakima: Average temperatures were generally cooler, ranging from 12 degrees below normal to 4 degrees above normal with no precipitation. No crop losses due to weather conditions were reported.

Eastern

Stevens: Dry weather continued with temperatures ranging into the 90's. The second cutting of hay was nearly complete. Grain harvest was in full swing by mid-week.

Whitman: Reports of grain yields have trended down significantly, with many growers reporting

lower than expected yields from spring grains and winter wheat. The greatest negative yield seemed to be in the western half of the county, with estimates ranging from 20-25 percent reduction in grain yield from the most recent 5 year average.

Weekly Weather Statistics

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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	47	74	60	-4	74	-17	9	-19	0.04	-0.24	1	33.10	-2.11	94	158	
Everett	51	77	62	-3	86	-12	19	-13	0.05	-0.23	1	31.13	-4.38	88	165	
Hoquiam	45	70	58	-4	58	-20	1	-13	0.00	-0.28	0	63.76	-3.07	95	179	
Kelso	46	84	63	-3	94	-11	27	-11	0.00	-0.28	0	40.70	-4.78	89	154	
Olympia	42	85	61	-4	81	-17	18	-16	0.01	-0.22	1	58.86	9.21	119	170	
Seattle-Tacoma	52	82	65	-2	106	-6	36	-7	0.00	-0.21	0	38.25	1.88	105	153	
Shelton	41	83	62	-4	87	-25	23	-19	0.03	-0.18	1	68.55	4.58	107	161	
Tacoma	46	84	64	-2	98	-7	30	-10	0.08	-0.17	1	30.09	-9.24	77	130	
Vancouver	50	88	66	2	117	11	47	5	0.00	-0.21	0	37.45	-2.96	93	154	
CENTRAL																
Ellensburg	42	87	66	-4	113	-20	46	-17	0.00	-0.07	0	7.03	-1.62	81	85	
Omak	42	92	68	-2	123	-3	54	-5	0.00	-0.21	0	9.24	-5.07	65	72	
Stampede Pass	38	71	53	-5	30	-19	0	-12	0.04	-0.32	1	76.45	-3.13	96	172	
Wenatchee	50	90	70	-5	138	-30	68	-30	0.03	-0.04	1	5.42	-2.57	68	64	
Yakima AP	38	92	64	-7	101	-40	36	-35	0.00	-0.07	0	7.02	-0.66	91	63	
NORTHEAST																
Colville	42	92	67	-2	119	0	52	-2	0.00	-0.21	0	15.49	-4.96	76	84	
Deer Park	35	86	60	-11	75	-64	20	-50	0.12	-0.02	1	21.24	3.28	118	121	
Spokane AP	41	86	64	-7	99	-41	31	-39	0.00	-0.14	0	13.90	-2.09	87	111	
EAST CENTRAL																
Ephrata	45	91	69	-8	133	-45	64	-44	0.00	-0.04	0	5.77	-1.27	82	64	
Moses Lake	43	91	68	-9	123	-55	53	-55	0.00	-0.04	0	5.78	-1.26	82	66	
Quincy	47	90	69	-3	135	-15	65	-16	0.02	-0.05	1	6.30	-1.26	83	61	
Ritzville	41	87	61	-10	81	-59	23	-47	0.00	-0.07	0	9.93	-1.06	90	78	
SOUTHEAST																
Hanford	45	97	70	-10	139	-62	69	-63	0.00	-0.07	0	5.64	-0.63	90	51	
Pasco	43	95	68	-8	125	-50	55	-50	0.00	-0.07	0	5.95	-1.27	82	59	
Pullman	34	84	60	-8	70	-49	18	-31	0.02	-0.19	1	17.64	-2.85	86	110	
Walla Walla AP	47	91	69	-8	134	-48	64	-48	0.00	-0.14	0	14.92	-3.98	79	104	
Whitman Mission	43	91	64	-8	100	-49	33	-47	0.00	-0.14	0	13.20	-0.13	99	97	
IDAHO PANHANDLE																
Coeur D'A ' AP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0	
Lewiston ID	39	86	62	-9	88	-59	26	-51	0.01	-0.27	1	21.29	-3.76	85	120	
	49	93	69	-7	130	-45	60	-45	0.32	0.18	2	10.39	-1.48	88	107	

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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