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Washington Crop Weather

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Christmas Tree Harvest Began Cranberry Harvest Winding Down

Field Crops

Winter wheat conditions improved slightly due to rain showers throughout various counties in the state. In Spokane County, a few producers were out spraying bluegrass seed fields trying to control grassy weeds. Franklin County hay producers were trimming back their hay fields. Kittitas County continued to disc and plow old hay stands. Christmas tree harvest began in Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties.

Livestock

Range and pasture conditions were 4% very poor, 10% poor, 31% fair, 54% good, and 1% excellent. Cattle continued to be moved to market and some livestock producers started supplemental feeding. In Pacific County, oyster growers continued harvest operations with processing at full capacity for the holiday season.

Fruits and Vegetables

Cranberry harvest operations in Pacific County were nearly complete. In Benton County, orchard and vineyard clean up were major activities. Carrot and apple harvests continued throughout various counties in the state.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Week	Days
This Week	5.4
Last Week	6.5

Moisture and Supply

Item	Percent			
	VS	SH	AD	S
Topsoil	0	12	81	7
Topsoil 5 Yr Avg	9	39	50	2
Subsoil	2	26	72	0
Subsoil 5 Yr Avg	12	50	38	0
Irrigation Water	0	2	98	0
Irrigation Water 5 Yr Avg	0	2	98	0
Hay & Roughage	1	4	94	1

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

Crop Progress

Crop/Activity	Percent Completed			
	This Week	Last Week	2003	5 Yr. Avg.
Winter Wheat Planted	100	99	100	100
Winter Wheat Emerged	93	92	95	94
Potatoes Harvested	99	99	100	99
Corn Silage Harvested	100	99	100	100
Corn Grain Harvested	69	62	61	53

Crop Condition*

Crop	% Acreage				
	VP	P	F	G	EX
Winter Wheat Dryland	0	2	24	67	7
Winter Wheat Irrigated	0	0	0	100	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: The sound of power saws echoed across the rural landscape as Christmas tree growers began this year's harvest in earnest. The cool wet weather provided nearly ideal conditions for the post harvest storage of trees. Livestock producers took advantage of beautiful weather over the weekend to do fence and machinery repair. Commercial dahlia producers started digging and dividing tubers for winter storage.

Grays Harbor/Lewis/Pacific: The first widespread killing frost occurred as Christmas Tree harvest began. Weather was dry with heavy fog pockets in the morning hours.

Pacific: Cranberry harvest operations were nearly complete, with a few final bogs yet to harvest. Oyster growers continued harvest operations with processing at full capacity for the holiday season. Shucked oyster sales were at their peak for the year, with product shipments throughout the United States. Christmas tree growers continued preparations for the upcoming season, with harvest and shipment of trees, and preparations for on-farm harvest by consumers.

Pierce/South King: No unusual situations to report. No damage to any crops due to a weather event to report. There was still some field corn to harvest. Most other field crop harvests were complete.

Skagit/San Juan/Island: The weather was normal for this time of year. No losses reported due to the weather conditions.

Skagit: A few spud harvesters were still operating, though fields were quite wet. Growers were taking a breather before the conference and meeting season gets into full swing.

Snohomish/North King: There was frost on pumpkins midweek, while the weekend experienced above normal temperatures. Final fall field work was almost complete. No farm land flooding reported, only swollen rivers and creeks.

Thurston: Heavy rainfall early in the week resulted in standing water in pastures. Agricultural producers took advantage of beautiful, sunny weather to complete outside chores over the weekend. Christmas tree growers continued preparing for tree harvest slated to begin November 10th.

Whatcom: It was an interesting week weather wise. We had a couple of evenings that the temperatures were in the mid-30's and day time highs were in the high 40's to low 50's. We also received a large amount of rain.

Central

Benton: Harvest was about complete. Orchard and vineyard clean up were major activities.

Douglas/Chelan: Recent moisture has had a significant affect on the 2005 winter wheat crop. Conditions were good. Livestock producers were bringing their herds home for the winter.

Franklin: The first frost occurred during the week. Temperatures dropped to the mid twenties with highs in the mid fifties. Carrot and apple harvest continued. Hay fields were trimmed back for prevention of old crop growth in next years hay. Feeder hay was abundant while good quality hay supply was dropping.

Grant: Apple harvest was completed. Processing carrot harvest continued.

Kittitas: Apple harvest finished, with good yields being reported. Field activities such as discing and plowing old hay stands continued. Producers were also installing irrigation system improvements.

Yakima: Average temperatures varied from seven degrees below normal to four degrees above normal, with .05 of an inch of precipitation. No crop damage due to weather conditions was reported.

Eastern

Adams: Moisture and winter wheat conditions remained unchanged.

Asotin/Garfield: Rain early last week provided needed moisture in areas that were still behind normal. Topsoil moisture was good in nearly all areas of the two counties. Winter wheat continued to emerge as temperatures remained near normal. Volunteer grain in stubble fields provided ranchers with needed forage for cattle in most areas.

Ferry/Okanogan: Winter wheat conditions looked good throughout most of the counties. Some cattle were pulled off of fall pastures and were being fed.

Lincoln: Soil moisture was adequate to maintain winter wheat conditions, and better than in recent dry years. Winter wheat stands and their emergence were good in most areas. Cattle continued to be moved to market, and some livestock producers started supplemental feeding.

Lincoln (2nd report): Moisture and winter wheat conditions remained unchanged.

Pend Oreille/Spokane: A normal fall week with some rain, freezing temperatures at night, and mid 40's during the day time. Most of the fall work was completed. A few producers were out spraying bluegrass seed fields to try to control grassy weeds on a couple of warm days. Most producers were working on cleaning and putting machinery away and last minutes odd jobs before winter.

Walla Walla: Fall weather conditions remained favorable, crops around the county looked good.

Whitman: Weather conditions remained cool and wet as more significant rainfall fell across the Palouse. The wet conditions were ideal for winter wheat conditions and the crop looked good heading into winter.

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Weekly Weather Statistics

November 8, 2004

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	29	53	44	-2	0	-7	0	0	2.63	1.54	5	10.93	4.40	167	38
Everett	32	58	45	-3	3	-4	0	0	1.64	0.61	4	6.16	-0.18	97	34
Hoquiam	32	56	46	-5	2	-11	0	0	1.90	-0.25	2	12.39	0.58	105	36
Kelso	30	55	44	-4	0	-7	0	0	1.06	-0.30	3	5.51	-2.14	72	22
Olympia	28	58	43	-2	1	1	0	0	1.41	-0.25	3	9.84	1.45	117	37
Sea-Tac	32	60	45	-3	4	-3	0	0	1.16	-0.04	2	6.86	0.44	107	29
Shelton	28	59	43	-4	5	-2	0	0	1.86	-0.25	2	11.60	1.12	111	33
Tacoma	27	61	44	-3	2	-5	0	0	1.17	-0.08	2	6.71	0.14	102	28
Vancouver	30	57	45	-2	1	-6	0	0	1.21	0.03	2	6.36	-0.08	99	30
CENTRAL															
Ellensburg	22	54	40	1	0	0	0	0	0.15	-0.07	2	1.54	0.25	119	20
Stampede Pass	28	59	40	8	3	3	0	0	1.78	-0.71	3	15.77	3.13	125	35
Wenatchee	27	53	39	-4	0	-4	0	0	0.09	-0.12	1	0.99	-0.08	93	15
Yakima AP	19	60	39	-4	0	-5	0	0	0.05	-0.15	1	1.32	0.25	123	10
NORTHEAST															
Colville	20	52	36	-2	0	0	0	0	0.60	0.08	4	4.31	1.39	148	23
Deer Park	18	50	35	-4	0	0	0	0	0.70	0.20	4	4.18	1.67	167	24
Spokane AP	25	50	38	-2	0	0	0	0	0.33	-0.09	2	1.96	-0.20	91	17
EAST CENTRAL															
Ephrata	22	54	39	-4	0	-7	0	0	0.00	-0.20	0	1.51	0.50	150	12
Moses Lake	20	56	39	-4	0	-7	0	0	0.01	-0.19	1	1.07	0.06	106	10
Quincy	22	53	37	-6	0	0	0	0	0.02	-0.19	2	0.84	-0.30	74	9
Ritzville	23	52	39	-2	0	0	0	0	0.18	-0.13	1	1.18	-0.52	69	11
SOUTHEAST															
Hanford	23	57	42	-6	0	-12	0	0	0.22	0.03	2	1.07	0.13	114	11
Pasco	22	66	42	-4	7	0	0	0	0.34	0.13	2	1.07	-0.04	96	13
Pullman	25	58	43	3	1	-4	0	0	0.09	-0.45	2	1.21	-1.79	40	18
Whitman Miss.	23	63	41	-4	1	-6	0	0	0.70	0.32	2	2.10	-0.02	99	21
ID PANHANDLE															
Coeur D'A AP	25	48	38	-5	0	-6	0	0	0.74	0.08	2	4.56	1.06	130	20
Lewiston ID	30	60	45	1	3	-4	0	0	0.32	0.08	2	2.07	0.15	108	18

Summary based on NWS data.
 Season Cumulative Precip Starts: Wednesday September 1, 2004
 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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