



Crop Progress and Condition



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Idaho, Cool but Dry

Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.6. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 1% very poor, 13% poor, 34% fair, 38% good, and 14% excellent. Low temperatures were reported at 41 degrees in the south central and eastern regions and a high temperature of 101 degrees in the southwest region with a statewide temperature differential of 4 degrees below normal to 4 degrees above normal. The state onion crop remained in good standing during the reporting week while the overall condition of other crops trended downward. Pasture conditions slightly worsened from the previous week. The soil moisture levels decreased as it was dry after the rain from the previous week. Cool temperatures were reported in the south eastern region of Idaho. The colder weather slowed crop maturity, especially the corn crop. However, most crops looked good. South central Idaho reported that the grain harvest was in full swing. Major acres of winter wheat and barley were taken up. The spring wheat harvest began as well. Some growers started a third cutting of alfalfa. Northern Idaho experienced another dry week with lots of wind. The wind brought some cooler temperatures as well. The winter wheat harvest progressed steadily. Most growers were at least half done with the dry pea and lentil harvest with some nearing completion. Pasture conditions in the north was very poor and below the state average. They were dry and the feed value was low. Ranchers were looking for additional acreage and started to supplement feed needs with hay. Overall Idaho crops appeared in good shape but could all benefit from more water this season.

Hot, Dry, and Windy Conditions Reported Throughout Much of Washington

There were 6.9 days suitable for work. Pasture conditions were reported as 7% very poor, 34% poor, 31% fair, 25 % good and 3% excellent. Jefferson County reported fall was in the air and crops were three to four weeks ahead of normal. Some rainfall helped water levels throughout the northwest districts, but drought conditions continued. Milk production slowed due to heat in King County. Irrigated crops were doing well. Rains helped wet top soil layers in San Juan County. Farmers were doing their best to irrigate crops in Skagit County. Grass seed harvest was complete, grains were just getting started, and spinach and cabbage will be harvested soon. Snohomish County received almost an inch of rain in parts of the county. Winter wheat harvest began. Blueberries were about done and blackberries were being harvested. Some plums and peaches were ripe. Raspberry harvest was finishing up in Whatcom County and blueberry harvest was in full swing. Chelan County reported cooler temperatures but windy. Winter wheat harvest and soft fruit harvest continued. Kittitas County reported warmer than normal temperatures, wind gusts up to 48 mph, and no rain. There were growing concerns over heat and lack of water. Pastures were short and extremely dry. Klickitat County also reported dry, windy conditions with more seasonable temperatures. Winter wheat harvest continued. Dryland second cutting of hay was near completion and some third cuttings of irrigated hay were down. Livestock were doing well with cooler temperatures. Harvest of early varieties of peaches and nectarines were finishing up. Harvest of mid-season freestone peach varieties started. Protective sprays were applied to prevent powdery mildew. Some grape varieties were beginning to change color. Recent heat caused sunburn damage to grape bunches on the west side of plants. Huckleberries from Mount Adams appeared at Farmer's Markets. Apples were sizing well. Yakima County reported no precipitation. Growers with junior water rights were beginning to see their water closed down. Some vegetable fields shut down early. Most hops reached the top of the trellis and were in bloom. Peaches, nectarines and plums were harvested. Growers were preparing orchards for Bartlett pear harvest. Watermelons and seasonal vegetables were showing up at roadside stands. Winter wheat was harvested. Pastures were short and extremely dry with some producers reporting a grasshopper infestation. Harvest was winding down in Adams County as hot dry conditions continued. Wheat harvest continued in Douglas County. Lincoln County reported cooler and wetter conditions in some areas. Harvest was nearing completion. Asotin County reported lots of wind. Harvest continued, and pastures were dry. Whitman County reported hot, dry, windy conditions. Peas, winter wheat, and some spring wheat were harvested.

Cooler Weather Was a Welcomed Change for Some Oregon Counties

There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 11% very poor, 36% poor, 39% fair, 13% good and 1% excellent. Clatsop County reported silage corn was tasseling and irrigation continued on grass and corn fields. Columbia County reported some moisture but not enough to change irrigation schedules. Very dry conditions continued. In Lane County, grass seed and winter wheat harvests were nearing completion. Sweet corn and field corn stands were looking good with irrigation required. Specialty oil crops were being harvested. Hazelnut orchard maintenance continued in preparation for harvest. Peppermint harvest was anticipated to begin soon. Hot, dry, windy conditions continued in the South Valley. Washington County reported that winter wheat harvest started early, grass seed harvest was underway, and the third cutting of alfalfa started. All berries were producing and doing well. Beans were nearing harvest and green beans were at the cannery. Greenhouses were harvesting cover crops and irrigating shrubs and trees. Livestock were faring well and pastures were dry. Yamhill County reported winter wheat harvest was in full swing, only a few grass seed fields remained to be harvested, and cane berries and blueberries were still available in the county. Farmers markets were going strong. Sherman County reported continued hot, dry conditions. Wheat and barley harvest began two weeks earlier than previous years. A small amount of rain slowed harvest for a few hours and more time was lost due to fires. Wasco County reported cooler temperatures and pear harvest should begin soon. In Umatilla County, wheat harvest continued and the third cutting of hay was going down in the western part of the county. Water was still in short supply. In Coos County, dry weather continued, with the exception of a brief thunderstorm last Saturday. Water levels in creeks and rivers continued to drop to late summer levels. Livestock were being moved to find water. Warm temperatures and winds continued to dry grass hay fields and pastures. Dry grass haying was completed in Coos and northern Curry counties. Pastures were being irrigated where possible. Fruit crops were looking good on the coast. Cooler temperatures were helpful for the fair animals in Jackson County. Crook County reported grass seed harvest continued and was nearing completion. Winter wheat was being harvested and more would be harvested once grass seed was finished. The second cutting of alfalfa was complete and third cuttings started. Some fields were forecast to have a fourth cutting if water supplies hold. Cooler weather was reported, but 100 degrees days were forecasted for the upcoming week. Klamath County reported cooler temperatures with a strong thunderstorm that hit hay fields last Tuesday. Lake County reported isolated thunderstorms over the weekend. Fall calving was underway for many livestock producers.

Soil Moisture and Irrigation Water Supply — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 07/26/15

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	10	42	44	4
Oregon.....	26	54	20	-
Washington.....	25	40	34	1
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	10	36	52	2
Oregon.....	27	53	20	-
Washington.....	21	44	34	1

- Represents zero.

Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 07/26/15

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Winter wheat					
Idaho.....	-	12	36	41	11
Oregon.....	13	19	43	22	3
Washington.....	4	16	50	29	1
Spring wheat					
Idaho.....	1	2	23	52	22
Oregon.....	5	14	30	37	14
Washington.....	6	31	44	18	1
Barley					
Idaho.....	-	1	12	47	40
Oregon.....	1	4	27	63	5
Washington.....	3	13	64	20	-
Potatoes					
Idaho.....	-	3	8	69	20
Oregon.....	-	2	39	53	6
Washington.....	-	1	20	64	15
Corn					
Idaho.....	-	-	7	77	16
Oregon.....	1	1	35	55	8
Washington.....	-	2	75	20	3
Oats					
Idaho.....	-	1	18	68	13
Oregon.....	-	-	16	80	4
Washington.....	-	-	81	19	-
Onions					
Idaho.....	-	-	42	58	-
Oregon.....	-	1	18	70	11
Washington.....	-	2	13	61	24

- Represents zero.

Weekly Weather Statistics — Idaho: July 20 - July 26, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation			
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days
					Total	DFN							
NORTH													
Coeur d' Alene	53	92	73	+3	158	+18	0.08	-0.13	1	21.12	-3.64	85	108
Fenn.....	53	100	74	+3	172	+21	0.09	-0.14	2	30.21	-7.23	81	134
Lewiston.....	59	100	78	+4	195	+21	0.00	-0.14	0	10.58	-1.31	89	89
Bonnars Ferry	51	92	71	+4	151	+25	0.22	+0.01	1	20.64	+0.30	101	97
Nezperce.....	45	89	66	+1	111	+6	0.36	+0.08	2	19.03	-0.11	99	146
SOUTHWEST													
Boise.....	53	95	74	-3	171	-11	0.20	+0.13	6	17.42	+5.58	147	169
Emmett	54	98	74	-2	169	-6	0.30	+0.23	2	13.92	+0.47	103	85
Glenns Ferry	53	96	74	-2	170	-5	0.45	+0.38	3	8.42	-1.01	89	100
Grand View	52	101	74	+0	172	+2	0.24	+0.18	3	6.76	-0.13	98	90
Nampa	55	93	73	+2	164	+7	0.09	+0.02	3	10.56	+0.91	109	106
Parma	56	99	75	+2	176	+14	0.41	+0.34	3	10.09	-0.60	94	86
SOUTH CENTRAL													
Fairfield.....	41	87	64	-4	100	-21	0.11	-0.03	1	14.06	-0.31	98	116
Malta.....	43	92	69	-2	135	-5	0.13	-0.08	3	12.67	+2.42	124	105
Picabo.....	46	90	69	+3	132	+17	0.01	-0.06	1	19.49	+7.02	156	94
Rupert.....	49	87	69	-4	131	-18	0.62	+0.55	3	8.29	-1.11	88	97
Twin Falls.....	52	90	70	+1	141	+1	0.03	+0.00	2	8.74	-1.82	83	85
EAST													
Aberdeen	46	88	68	+0	127	+1	0.25	+0.12	3	7.03	-1.57	82	69
Ashton.....	42	85	64	-2	100	-5	0.36	+0.15	2	16.19	-2.62	86	118
Fort Hall	46	91	69	+2	134	+15	0.42	+0.28	3	9.09	-2.03	82	103
Idaho Falls	45	88	67	-3	123	-10	0.21	+0.07	1	10.03	-0.16	98	79
Lava Hot Springs.....	47	86	66	-4	114	-19	0.10	-0.16	2	16.53	+1.24	108	90
Monteview.....	44	87	66	-3	111	-15	0.02	-0.19	1	5.93	-2.85	68	54
Preston.....	48	90	69	-2	134	-8	0.22	+0.01	4	15.01	-0.07	100	87
Rexburg	41	88	66	-2	110	-9	0.30	+0.10	2	11.97	-1.06	92	119

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 07/26/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested.....	6	1	3	1
Winter wheat harvested.....	27	11	16	7
Barley harvested	13	3	2	2
Oats harvested.....	22	11	-	3
Dry peas harvested	31	16	3	1
Potatoes harvested	1	0	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting.....	74	64	60	52
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	1	(NA)	8	4

-Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Weekly Weather Statistics — Washington: July 20 - July 26, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation			
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days
					Total	DFN							
WEST													
Bellingham.....	57	73	64	+1	100	+9	0.37	+0.09	2	31.52	-3.28	91	132
Everett.....	55	74	63	-2	96	-2	0.29	+0.01	3	29.92	-6.11	83	141
Hoquiam.....	56	70	64	+4	98	+23	0.30	+0.04	3	59.97	-7.03	90	144
Kelso.....	52	79	66	+2	113	+8	0.14	-0.05	2	35.90	-10.73	77	130
Olympia.....	47	80	64	+1	101	+5	0.08	-0.06	1	42.83	-6.76	86	133
Sea-Tac.....	56	80	67	+2	118	+6	0.02	-0.12	2	34.88	-1.07	97	136
Shelton.....	44	78	64	-2	102	-3	0.04	-0.17	2	58.30	-6.00	91	138
Tacoma.....	48	80	65	-1	106	-3	0.00	-0.14	0	32.35	-6.89	82	133
Vancouver.....	55	85	67	-3	119	-14	0.17	+0.03	2	31.36	-4.68	87	133
CENTRAL													
Ellensburg.....	51	93	71	+3	149	+16	0.00	-0.07	0	7.76	-0.93	89	70
Omak.....	54	101	73	+2	163	+9	0.03	-0.11	1	11.80	-0.28	98	76
Stampede Pass.....	45	83	59	+3	65	+12	0.25	-0.08	1	45.11	-36.61	55	124
Wenatchee.....	59	100	76	+2	182	+12	0.00	-0.06	0	7.38	-0.73	91	68
Yakima AP.....	52	101	72	+3	157	+17	0.00	-0.01	0	6.85	-1.00	87	60
NORTHEAST													
Colville.....	49	97	71	+4	149	+23	0.03	-0.22	1	16.35	-4.39	79	101
Deer Park.....	42	93	68	+2	127	+8	0.00	-0.28	0	17.13	-7.92	68	100
Kettle Falls.....	51	93	70	-1	139	-1	0.00	-0.34	0	15.18	-4.28	78	107
Spokane.....	53	92	70	+1	144	+5	0.00	-0.14	0	13.31	-2.58	84	94
EAST CENTRAL													
Ephrata.....	52	100	73	-3	165	-17	0.00	-0.07	0	7.10	-0.29	96	58
Lind.....	49	95	71	-2	145	-9	0.00	-0.07	0	7.52	-2.00	79	66
Moses Lake.....	53	99	73	-4	160	-22	0.00	-0.07	0	6.10	-1.29	83	57
Quincy.....	54	98	74	+2	168	+8	0.00	-0.05	0	8.47	+0.89	112	45
Ritzville.....	47	96	69	-2	134	-6	0.00	-0.12	0	10.38	-1.43	88	78
SOUTHEAST													
Hanford.....	54	103	76	-3	185	-11	0.00	+0.00	0	5.03	-1.50	77	55
Lake Bryan Rice.....	53	99	75	+5	178	+31	0.00	-0.07	0	14.02	-0.12	99	92
Pasco.....	56	100	75	-2	179	-3	0.00	-0.07	0	5.61	-1.96	74	60
Pullman.....	45	94	70	+4	144	+25	0.05	-0.09	1	17.81	-2.18	89	98
Silcott Island.....	60	102	78	+4	196	+22	0.00	-0.14	0	8.71	-3.18	73	83
Walla Walla.....	60	98	77	+0	191	+5	0.01	-0.13	1	14.36	-5.55	72	88
Whitman Mission.....	51	100	74	+3	167	+14	0.00	-0.08	0	12.24	-1.45	89	99

Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 07/26/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat harvested.....	63	34	36	18
Spring wheat harvested.....	26	6	12	4
Barley harvested.....	15	8	7	2
Field corn silked.....	49	29	52	38
Field corn dough.....	5	(NA)	9	3
Oats harvested.....	1	0	(NA)	(NA)
Dry onions harvested.....	8	7	(NA)	(NA)
Dry peas harvested.....	59	43	48	18
Potatoes harvested.....	8	6	8	8
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting.....	65	59	69	62
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

Weekly Weather Statistics — Oregon: July 20 - July 26, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation			
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days
					Total	DFN							
COASTAL AREAS													
Astoria.....	51	71	64	+4	96	+21	0.33	+0.12	3	58.34	-7.43	89	156
Bandon.....	49	69	60	+2	70	+7	0.01	-0.06	1	53.95	-4.21	93	147
Florence.....	45	72	60	+1	72	+2	0.15	+0.01	1	69.97	-1.82	97	143
North Bend.....	52	72	62	+3	89	+19	0.00	-0.07	0	44.21	-19.27	70	119
Tillamook.....	45	73	62	+4	85	+22	0.30	+0.02	2	54.17	-34.64	61	148
WILLAMETTE VALLEY													
Aurora.....	52	89	67	+0	121	+2	0.16	+0.02	2	33.93	-7.51	82	144
Corvallis.....	46	89	65	-3	106	-15	0.00	-0.08	0	34.27	-8.60	80	152
Detroit Lake.....	47	91	67	+2	121	+9	0.03	-0.11	1	55.60	-30.10	65	134
Eugene.....	47	91	67	-1	118	-1	0.00	-0.13	0	30.71	-19.10	62	130
Hillsboro.....	50	86	66	-4	110	-16	0.29	+0.22	1	30.90	-6.29	83	127
McMinnville.....	50	88	67	-2	118	-2	0.00	-0.07	0	34.33	-6.76	84	131
Portland.....	57	85	68	-2	128	-5	0.20	+0.06	1	30.56	-5.48	85	128
Salem.....	52	89	68	+0	125	+1	0.01	-0.07	1	34.01	-5.26	87	121
SOUTHWESTERN VALLEYS													
Grants Pass.....	56	102	77	+7	186	+46	0.00	-0.07	0	25.46	-5.06	83	107
Medford.....	56	99	76	+3	182	+14	0.00	-0.07	0	16.36	-1.44	92	93
Roseburg.....	55	96	72	+2	154	+7	0.00	-0.07	0	26.42	-6.50	80	106
NORTH CENTRAL													
Condon.....	47	94	69	+2	134	+15	0.00	-0.07	0	8.24	-5.61	59	70
Echo.....	56	98	75	+2	179	+11	0.00	-0.03	0	6.22	-3.81	62	94
Heppner.....	47	96	71	-1	145	-2	0.00	-0.07	0	9.16	-4.45	67	85
Hermiston.....	58	98	76	+2	181	+13	0.00	-0.03	0	5.92	-4.11	59	69
Madras.....	45	92	67	-2	116	-10	0.00	-0.14	0	8.46	-3.01	74	90
Moro.....	49	96	68	-1	126	-2	0.00	-0.07	0	8.12	-2.88	74	81
Parkdale.....	48	86	64	-2	95	-10	0.00	-0.06	0	33.91	+2.97	110	126
Pendleton.....	51	96	73	-1	161	-6	0.00	-0.07	0	9.97	-2.16	82	88
Prairie City.....	42	89	64	+3	102	+18	0.00	-0.16	0	16.17	-3.79	81	132
The Dalles.....	57	94	73	-3	162	-20	0.00	+0.00	0	10.70	-3.21	77	74
SOUTH CENTRAL													
Agency Lake.....	39	95	64	+2	101	+10	0.00	-0.14	0	20.29	+1.22	106	91
Bend.....	44	90	65	+1	106	+6	0.00	-0.14	0	11.22	+0.21	102	58
Burns.....	43	92	66	-2	112	-7	0.21	+0.14	2	9.33	-0.74	93	77
Christmas Valley.....	38	90	64	-1	99	+1	0.02	-0.12	1	9.66	-1.03	90	104
Klamath Falls.....	45	89	65	-2	110	-7	0.02	-0.05	1	13.58	+2.25	120	83
Lakeview.....	35	87	63	-6	93	-33	0.22	+0.15	2	10.91	-4.08	73	97
Lorella.....	39	89	64	-2	102	-6	0.03	-0.04	1	14.17	+3.47	132	93
Redmond.....	39	91	63	-5	95	-31	0.00	-0.14	0	9.17	+1.26	116	76
Worden.....	38	90	64	-4	98	-19	0.01	-0.06	1	15.64	+4.31	138	98
NORTHEAST													
Baker City.....	40	91	66	-3	112	-11	0.00	-0.14	0	9.51	-0.12	99	76
Joseph.....	46	88	65	-2	103	-2	0.01	-0.27	1	9.98	-8.48	54	69
La Grande.....	50	95	70	-1	138	-2	0.00	-0.14	0	10.52	-6.00	64	90
Imbler.....	43	93	67	+1	121	+2	0.00	-0.14	0	17.67	-5.80	75	138
SOUTHEAST													
Ontario.....	56	99	78	+2	194	+12	0.11	+0.04	1	9.65	+0.52	106	79
Rome.....	51	96	73	+3	165	+18	0.16	+0.09	3	8.80	-0.16	98	66

Summary based on NWS data. Season cumulative precipitation starts: September 1, 2014. DFN = Departure from normal. NA = Data not available.	Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Precipitation days= Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more. Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit. Normal period 1971-2000 used in DFN calculations.
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Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 07/26/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat harvested	69	47	39	26
Spring wheat harvested	34	10	22	15
Barley harvested	50	21	20	11
Oats harvested	25	11	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting	73	57	72	52
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	2	(NA)	5	1

-Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

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