



Crop Progress and Condition



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Idaho Beet and Grain Corn Harvest Continued in Dry Weather

There were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho last week, up from 5.6 the previous week. Idaho farmers took advantage of the dry weather to accelerate the row crop harvest. Both the sugarbeet harvest and corn for grain crops showed good increases in harvest progress last week. Strong winds reported in south central Idaho caused some broken stalk damage in some corn fields. Both south central and eastern Idaho reported losses on potatoes due to the severe freezing temperatures from the early winter storm that hit a couple weeks ago. Several farmers left the potatoes in the ground to avoid the cost of digging them up. Harvested potatoes that were frost damaged were separated from the good potatoes and disposed. Most of the calves in Lemhi County were weaned and ranchers started to ship. Cold weather this fall slowed most growth throughout the state.

Dry Weather in Oregon Helped Crop Producers Gain the Upper Hand on Fall Fieldwork

There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, up from 5.5 the previous week. In northern coastal Oregon, the rain stopped early in the week and dry days and cool nights followed. Some residue disease issues from the earlier rain cycle were reported in hemp and fresh market vegetables. Pastures and grains looked good. Many corn silage fields had grass cover crops that came up nicely. In north central Oregon, producers continued to seed their remaining wheat fields. Temperatures were fairly mild. Pastures continued to green up and looked good. In southwest Oregon, a mild dry weather pattern was also reported. The fall harvest period for tree fruit crops wrapped up. The wine grape harvest was also completed. The rains in September caused quality issues with Botrytis bunch rot. A number of local vineyards lost large portions of their crop. Fall spraying of orchards for shot hole and anthracnose diseases went well. Fall spraying for bacterial canker disease with blueberry crops also went well. The weather was excellent for these sprays. In south central and southeast Oregon, the hay harvest resumed after several weeks of intermittent rain. Earlier than normal hard frosts slowed hemp growth and the maturation process. A shortage of labor, combines, and drying space also slowed the hemp harvest in this region. Some hemp varieties did well, while others experienced lower CBD oil content than expected. The more experienced growers showed good oil yields.

Flooding In Snoqualmie Valley Rushed Producers

There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, up from 4.8 days suitable the previous week. The Puget Sound had cold, dry conditions for the week. Farmers were preparing fields and planting fall crops. Early major flooding last week of the Snoqualmie River and Stillaguamish River caused major vegetable crop loss. Rivers rose. Most areas had light frost. The last corn in the fields failed to be harvested due to the high water levels. Potato harvest was delayed. Hay was very wet and cover crops were lost. Pumpkins floated away in the flood waters and farmers raced to harvest crops. Flood waters receded quickly. San Juan County CSA operations were cleaning up and late crops were in farm stands. Fruit harvest for late apples and pears continued. Skagit County was wet. Yakima County had freezing nights and daytime temperatures around 70 degrees. Heavy rains in Franklin County were followed by high winds. Feed corn and fourth and fifth cuttings of alfalfa hay were harvested. Apple harvest was progressing rapidly. Buckwheat fields were in various stages of cutting, drying, and combining. Adams County's potato and dry bean harvests were completed. Fall planting of annual forages, such as winter triticale and winter forage peas, wrapped up. The Palouse had a few freezing nights.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/27/19

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	10	12	70	8
Oregon.....	8	17	74	1
Washington.....	1	21	72	6
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	10	19	68	3
Oregon.....	14	37	47	2
Washington.....	1	25	73	1

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/27/19

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	-	17	40	36	7
Oregon.....	7	29	34	23	7
Washington.....	8	19	23	48	2
Winter wheat					
Idaho.....	-	2	42	50	6
Oregon.....	5	5	15	57	18
Washington.....	-	2	31	57	10
Corn					
Idaho.....	-	2	8	82	8
Washington.....	-	1	19	73	7

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 10/27/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	95	83	98	96
Winter wheat emerged.....	72	50	75	74
Potatoes harvested.....	96	90	97	96
Sugarbeets harvested.....	73	45	64	69
Field corn harvested for grain	51	32	66	55
Dry edible beans harvested	92	88	100	100
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	80	76	79	83

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 10/27/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	90	85	79	85
Winter wheat emerged.....	58	46	37	45
Potatoes harvested.....	96	94	91	(NA)
Sugarbeets harvested.....	62	49	74	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain	70	56	61	(NA)
Field corn harvested for silage	92	81	87	(NA)

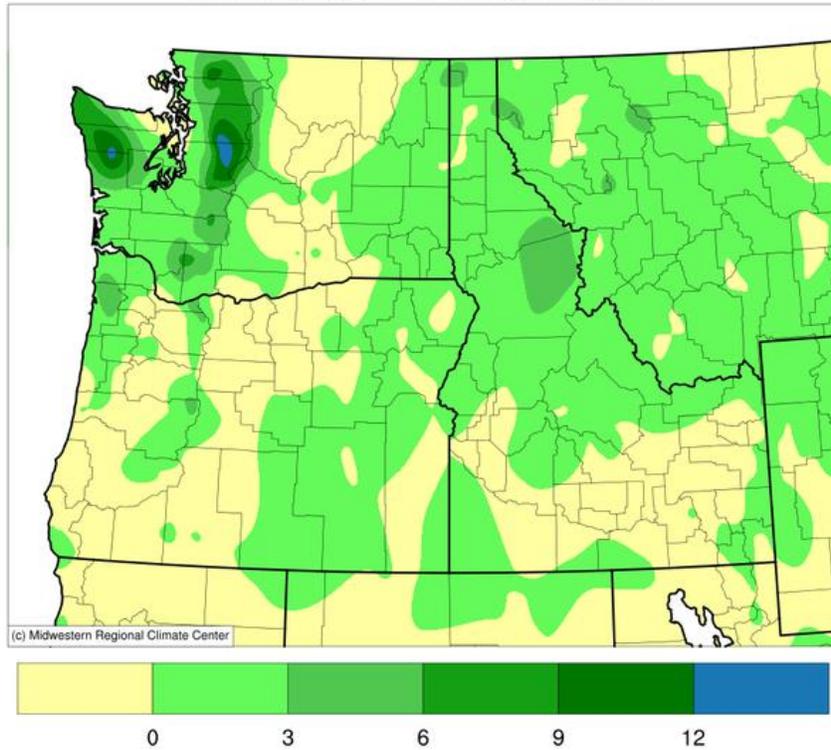
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Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 10/27/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	94	86	93	93
Winter wheat emerged.....	70	66	63	71
Potatoes harvested.....	92	84	89	93
Field corn mature.....	95	89	96	87
Field corn harvested for grain	41	24	67	55
Field corn harvested for silage	91	85	94	95
Dry edible beans harvested	99	94	99	100
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	84	78	79	93

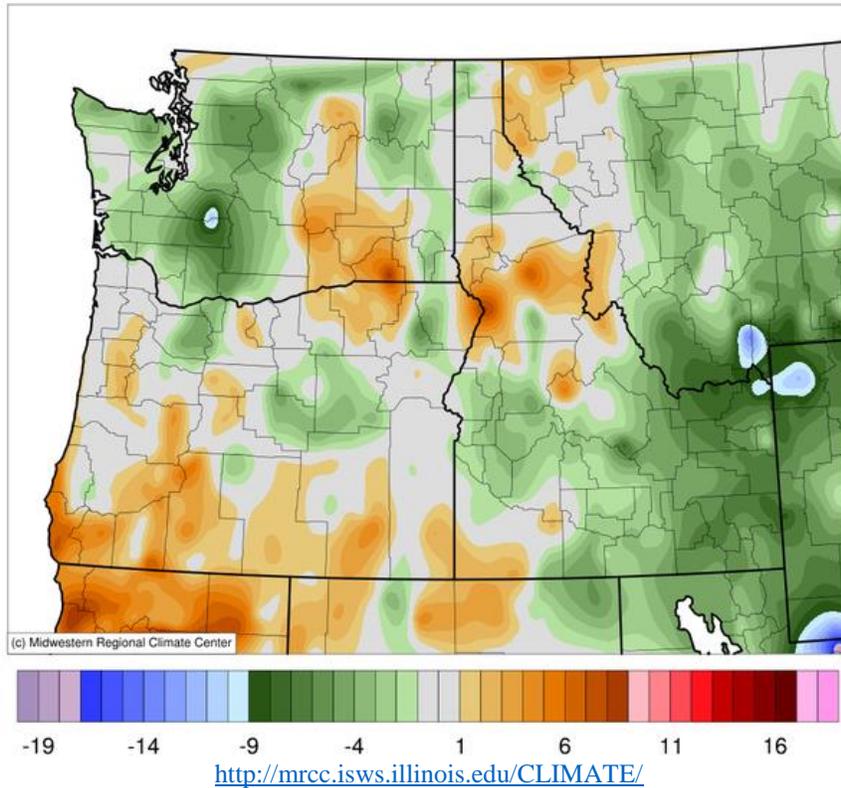
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2019 to October 27, 2019



Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 21, 2019 to October 27, 2019



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