



Crop Progress and Condition



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Idaho Reported a Drier than Normal Spring, but Weather Remained Cool and Wet

Overall, temperatures remained cool and wet throughout the region with temperatures dipping into the 20's and below. There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Benewah and Kootenai Counties reported temperatures at or below 20 degrees a couple of nights last week. Winter wheat was greening up and growing with the warmer temperatures in Boundary County. A drier than normal spring allowed farmers to start some fieldwork. Pasture conditions improved. Calving season went well. Clark and Fremont Counties had some cool, wet weather, but by the end of the week was sunny and warmer. Local beekeepers in Teton County noted that warmer temperatures and early pollen on native trees, like aspens, helped provide early pollen sources for the bees. Livestock calving season wrapped up. There was still a fair amount of snow and moisture on the fields, so it was still too early in the season for direct sowing. Small acreage, diversified crop producers were busy planting and working in greenhouses. Butte, Jefferson and Madison Counties had a beautiful week with some moisture. The soil was beginning to warm up.

Warm, Dry Weather Pattern Facilitated Fieldwork and Planting in Oregon

There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, up from 4.3 day the previous week. Most of the state observed temperatures that were well above average as a drier weather pattern took hold in most of the state. Several reporters in the state expressed initial concerns over the lack of rainfall and potential fire and irrigation issues later this year. In northwest Oregon, the Willamette Valley observed mild temperatures with no moisture. Crops looked good as spring planting finished up. Fruit orchards bloomed well. Bees pollinated the early crops. Pasture and grass produced plenty of pollen. Pastures conditions looked good. The good weather allowed for an uptick in field work. Crop protection applications were ongoing. Some spotty damage by geese was observed in small grains. In Tillamook County, fields were cut and baled as ensilage. In north central Oregon, it warmed to the 60's during the day. Producers took advantage and sprayed crops. Spring crops continued to be planted. Cows were still calving. Some producers gathered their cattle and shipped to other pastures. In northeast Oregon, warm temperatures and sunshine continued to facilitate field work, planting and crop spraying. Winter wheat crop looked good as conditions started to dry. Winter canola looked excellent. More acres of spring canola were planted. In southwest Oregon, the growing season really kicked off last week with all crops making big jumps in stage of development with high temperatures in the 70's. Field work and early season planting of spring forage crops, grain crops, and cool season vegetables accelerated. Pear pollination looked to have gone well. Apple crops were expected to be in full bloom next week with great pollination weather expected. Blueberry fields were also expected to bloom over the next two weeks with good conditions. In south central and south eastern Oregon, the warmer temperatures helped spring grass growth. Range conditions improved daily. Most growers had irrigation water available in Malheur County. In Lake County, temperatures in the mid 60's lowered soil moisture content. Spring tillage and fertilizer application were in full swing in portions of the county.

Excellent Weather for Field Work in Washington

There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, up from 5.0 the previous week. In western Washington a lot of field work was getting completed. Many tractors were out breaking soil. However, producers did not chop haylage. In Whatcom County, fall seeded crops were showing a growth spurt, grass growth was picking up, and raspberry plants were beginning to spring out new shoots. Growth slowed due to freezing temperatures at night. In San Juan County, soils were slowly warming up and seasonally wet soils were drying up. Early pears were blooming. In Snohomish County, soil prep continued at a fast pace. In central Washington, wind conditions had accelerated the drying of surface moisture. In Yakima County, cherries, peaches, nectarines, plums and pears had passed through the petal fall stage. Apples had entered into flower bloom. Honey bees were being placed into apple orchards. Asparagus harvest had started. Vegetable growers were starting to lay down irrigation and black plastic. Field workers in hop yards were still adding string to the trellis, placing irrigation lines down and in some yards training vines to crawl up the trellis. In eastern Washington, it was a dry week. Spraying and cultivating was being completed on days that were not windy. Winter wheat was looking good.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/12/20

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	1	17	77	5
Oregon	1	18	77	4
Washington.....	13	23	62	2
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	-	6	79	15
Oregon	2	24	72	2
Washington.....	17	14	68	1

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/12/20

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	4	18	24	50	4
Oregon	-	22	32	31	15
Washington.....	7	5	20	65	3
Winter wheat					
Idaho	-	2	29	60	9
Oregon	2	3	17	28	50
Washington.....	1	2	17	70	10

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 04/12/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted	42	23	14	30
Barley planted	32	24	20	37
Oats planted	34	17	10	17
Oats emerged	7	1	-	4
Potatoes planted	13	4	11	11
Sugarbeets planted	46	20	34	34
Field corn planted	1	(NA)	3	3
Dry peas planted	39	32	1	4
Onions planted	65	50	58	51
Onions emerged	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 04/12/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted	69	45	18	55
Spring wheat emerged	20	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barley planted	55	33	14	45
Barley emerged	16	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats planted	65	31	35	33
Oats emerged	22	5	14	11
Potatoes planted	50	24	35	26
Sugarbeets planted	83	69	39	31
Field corn planted	12	(NA)	7	6
Dry peas planted	78	69	31	28
Dry peas emerged	11	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Onions planted	70	59	41	34
Onions emerged	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

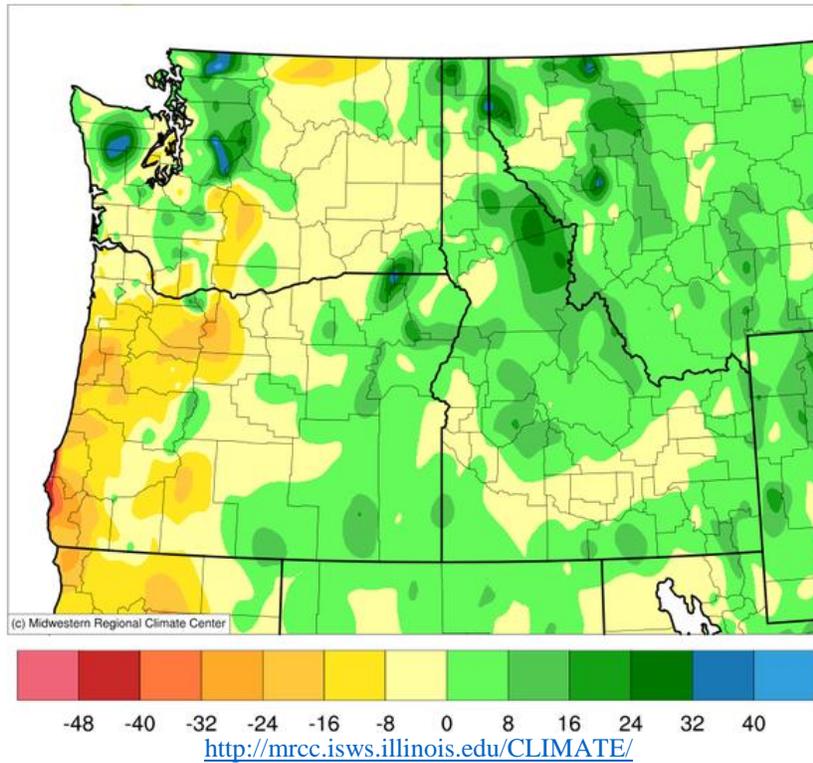
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 04/12/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted	57	42	15	36
Spring wheat emerged	20	(NA)	-	10
Barley planted	50	40	13	23
Barley emerged	15	(NA)	-	5
Oats planted	13	8	13	10
Potatoes planted	36	27	18	29
Sugarbeets planted	15	10	17	16
Field corn planted	1	(NA)	7	7
Dry peas planted	27	22	3	14
Onions planted	30	25	20	(NA)

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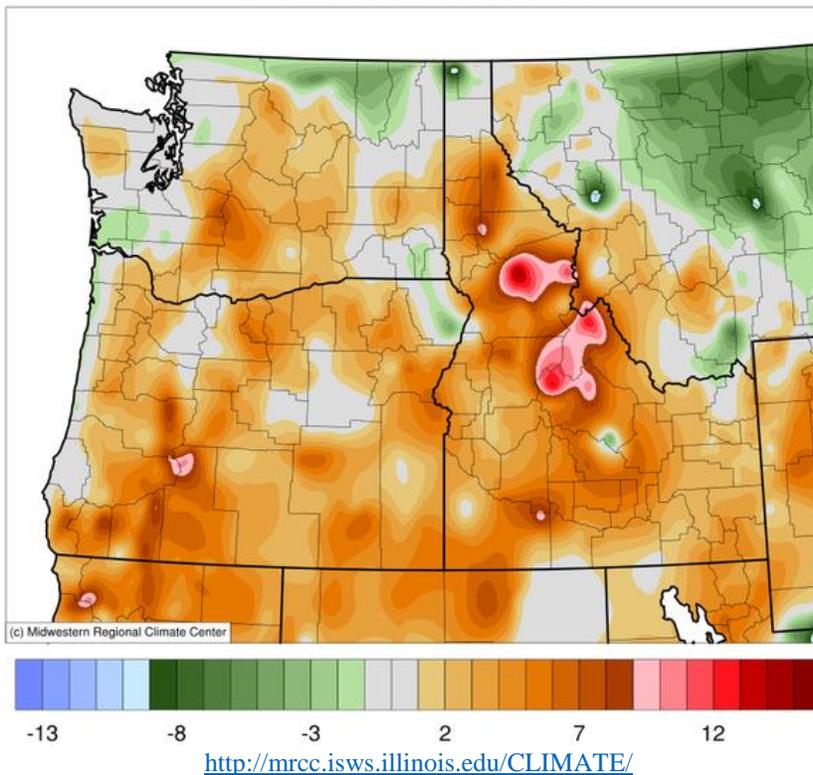
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2019 to April 12, 2020



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

April 06, 2020 to April 12, 2020



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