



Crop Progress and Condition



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Weather Conditions Improved in Idaho

There were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Warm, dry weather allowed spring crops to be planted. Topsoil was dry for the first time all year. Pastures greened up and winter wheat was reported in excellent condition in Boundary County. Ada, Canyon, Owyhee, Payette, and Washington Counties reported a large hatch of Mormon crickets all along the northern Owyhee front as well as other parts of the counties. Many beets were replanted due to frost damage in Cassia and Minidoka Counties. Weather conditions improved considerably with warmer temperatures in Jerome and Twin Falls Counties. Ranges and pastures were in good conditions, except in the higher elevations where they were still under snow. Corn planting was expected in the coming week. Teton County reported a lot of snow melted.

Light Moisture Fell in Oregon; Dry Summer Outlook Remained

There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, down slightly from 6.5 day the previous week. Most of the state received some moisture. The light rain was well received, but not nearly enough to make up the dry spring weather pattern observed thus far. This precipitation slowed some field operations. In northwest Oregon, field conditions remained good. In Polk County, livestock grazing was very good at this time. Fungicide was applied to grass seed crops. Cool season greens and onions were continuously transplanted and harvested. In Lincoln County, warm, dry spring conditions allowed some spring vegetable planting earlier than normal. Pasture grasses were actively growing. Uncertainty around summer farmer's markets and continued restaurant closures caused by the pandemic has impacted some small farmers' decisions on planting mixed veggies, fruits, herbs, and cut flowers. Grass silage harvest continued on many grass or corn silage fields during dry weather breaks. In north central Oregon, some rain fell last week, but wind prevented the moisture from sticking around long. The rain was still helpful, but more was needed. Rangeland looked great, but growth was anticipated to stop soon without additional moisture. In northeast Oregon, lack of rain pushed some spring crops and winter wheat into drought stress. Winter canola did well. In Union County, freeze events from two weeks ago damaged some wheat crops and caused approximately 15 percent of sugarbeet acreage to be replanted. In Coos and Curry Counties, there was significant rainfall mid-week. This moisture helped topsoil conditions and grass for the near term. Subsoil moisture and long-term summer outlook was still on the short side. Coos County commissioners passed an Emergency Drought Declaration last Friday. The rain was also welcome in Josephine and Jackson Counties. This area continued to be about 10 to 12 inches behind the normal yearly rainfall accumulation. All crops looked very good at this time. Almost all of the tree fruit had finished blooming and appeared to set well during the dry spring. Blueberry fields finished their bloom and had very good fruit set. Raspberry and blackberry fields were still about 10-14 days away from bloom. Field crops like grains, forages, and oil seeds all looked good. In south central and south eastern Oregon, Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties growing degree days were running well ahead of previous year and five year averages. Moisture mid-week improved pasture conditions. Most farmers irrigated across central Oregon. Pear trees bloomed. Hops in Prineville were 2 feet tall. In Klamath County, several farmers did not plant due to water delivery issues. Winter wheat was minimally planted. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation reported last week that they would provide approximately 140,000 acre-feet of water to farms and ranches from Upper Klamath Lake in 2020. This was only one-third of historical demand for the Klamath Project, which delivered irrigation water to 230,000 acres of farmland in southern Oregon and northern California.

Soil Conditions Improved in Washington

There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, down from 6.5 the previous week. In western Washington, soil conditions improved, but most soils were too wet. The newly planted grass and grains were emerging well and looked good. Livestock were on pasture rotations. Fruit trees had very high levels of bloom. Caneberries came out with growth. In Snohomish County, there was a lot of field preparation in anticipation of early field corn planting. Vegetable producers planted in fields and high tunnels. Early greens harvest started. In Skagit County, beets, Swiss chard, spinach, spring wheat, and potatoes were planted. Widespread moisture was received early in the week in central Washington. In Yakima County, field crews were in cherry orchards thinning fruit crops. Grape vines showed nearly one foot of new vine growth. Some hop fields were burned back to stagger hop harvest. Asparagus harvest was picking up. Alfalfa fields were green and actively growing. There was more irrigation under black plastic in vegetable fields. Producers started to plant cucumber, tomato, and peppers into the black plastic stripes. In eastern Washington at the beginning of the week conditions were dry and windy. Precipitation occurred during the middle of the week. Crops were up and looked good.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/26/20

| Item and State | Very short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Topsoil moisture | | | | |
| Idaho | 1 | 14 | 75 | 10 |
| Oregon | 21 | 22 | 57 | - |
| Washington | 11 | 36 | 51 | 2 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Idaho | 1 | 10 | 83 | 6 |
| Oregon | 18 | 24 | 58 | - |
| Washington | 11 | 23 | 64 | 2 |

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/26/20

| Crop and State | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Pasture and range | | | | | |
| Idaho | 2 | 9 | 17 | 60 | 12 |
| Oregon | 1 | 23 | 30 | 38 | 8 |
| Washington | 1 | 3 | 35 | 56 | 5 |
| Winter wheat | | | | | |
| Idaho | - | 5 | 29 | 53 | 13 |
| Oregon | 4 | 9 | 37 | 31 | 19 |
| Washington | - | 2 | 22 | 65 | 11 |
| Spring wheat | | | | | |
| Oregon | 14 | 16 | 47 | 15 | 8 |
| Washington | - | 2 | 20 | 66 | 12 |
| Barley | | | | | |
| Oregon | 8 | 10 | 41 | 27 | 14 |
| Oats | | | | | |
| Oregon | - | 1 | 31 | 39 | 29 |
| Onions | | | | | |
| Idaho | - | - | - | 100 | - |
| Oregon | 4 | 12 | 29 | 39 | 16 |
| Sugarbeets | | | | | |
| Oregon | - | 3 | 57 | 40 | - |

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 04/26/20

| Crop and activity | Percent completed | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| | This week | Last week | Last year | 5 Year average |
| Spring wheat planted..... | 61 | 54 | 55 | 61 |
| Spring wheat emerged..... | 14 | 6 | 7 | 19 |
| Winter wheat headed..... | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Barley planted..... | 61 | 42 | 60 | 66 |
| Barley emerged..... | 24 | 7 | 17 | 31 |
| Oats planted..... | 50 | 41 | 39 | 48 |
| Oats emerged..... | 23 | 15 | 9 | 19 |
| Potatoes planted..... | 27 | 17 | 43 | 37 |
| Sugarbeets planted..... | 83 | 58 | 87 | 80 |
| Sugarbeets emerged..... | 28 | 3 | 22 | (NA) |
| Field corn planted..... | 11 | 4 | 34 | 26 |
| Dry peas planted..... | 65 | 51 | 6 | 23 |
| Dry peas emerged..... | 21 | 16 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Onions planted..... | 99 | 92 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Onions emerged..... | 70 | 45 | 7 | (NA) |

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 04/26/20

| Crop and activity | Percent completed | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| | This week | Last week | Last year | 5 Year average |
| Spring wheat planted..... | 93 | 82 | 59 | 77 |
| Spring wheat emerged..... | 74 | 48 | 26 | 52 |
| Winter wheat headed..... | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Barley planted..... | 94 | 78 | 57 | 73 |
| Barley emerged..... | 70 | 46 | 24 | 44 |
| Oats planted..... | 92 | 81 | 62 | 57 |
| Oats emerged..... | 74 | 49 | 29 | 25 |
| Potatoes planted..... | 85 | 72 | 67 | 53 |
| Potatoes emerged..... | 31 | 18 | 16 | (NA) |
| Sugarbeets planted..... | 97 | 86 | 70 | 64 |
| Sugarbeets emerged..... | 73 | 48 | 24 | (NA) |
| Field corn planted..... | 57 | 36 | 25 | 25 |
| Field corn emerged..... | 4 | (NA) | 4 | 1 |
| Dry peas planted..... | 95 | 88 | 81 | 53 |
| Dry peas emerged..... | 65 | 39 | 12 | (NA) |
| Onions planted..... | 95 | 90 | 74 | 55 |
| Onions emerged..... | 71 | 42 | 34 | (NA) |

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

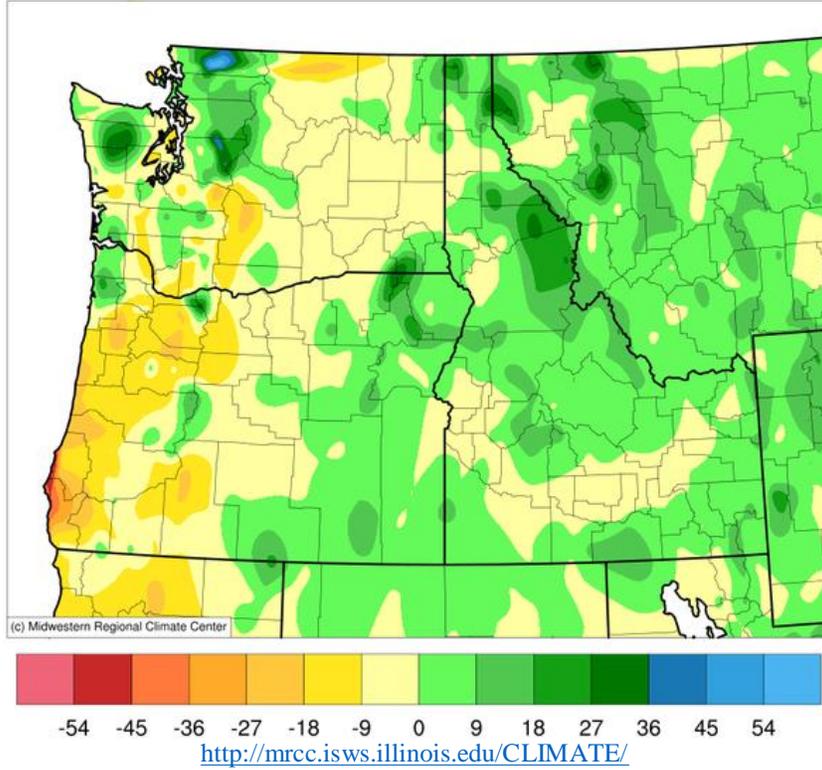
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 04/26/20

| Crop and activity | Percent completed | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| | This week | Last week | Last year | 5 Year average |
| Spring wheat planted | 88 | 78 | 45 | 63 |
| Spring wheat emerged | 60 | 47 | 3 | 24 |
| Winter wheat headed | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Barley planted..... | 76 | 70 | 34 | 44 |
| Barley emerged | 38 | 30 | 5 | 16 |
| Oats planted | 42 | 35 | 30 | 28 |
| Oats emerged..... | 2 | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| Potatoes planted..... | 47 | 44 | 46 | 60 |
| Potatoes emerged..... | 3 | 2 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Sugarbeets planted | 55 | 50 | 53 | (NA) |
| Field corn planted | 33 | 13 | 20 | 29 |
| Dry peas planted | 71 | 52 | 27 | 43 |
| Dry peas emerged..... | 11 | - | (NA) | (NA) |
| Onions planted | 43 | 38 | 65 | 71 |
| Onions emerged..... | 14 | 9 | 15 | 13 |

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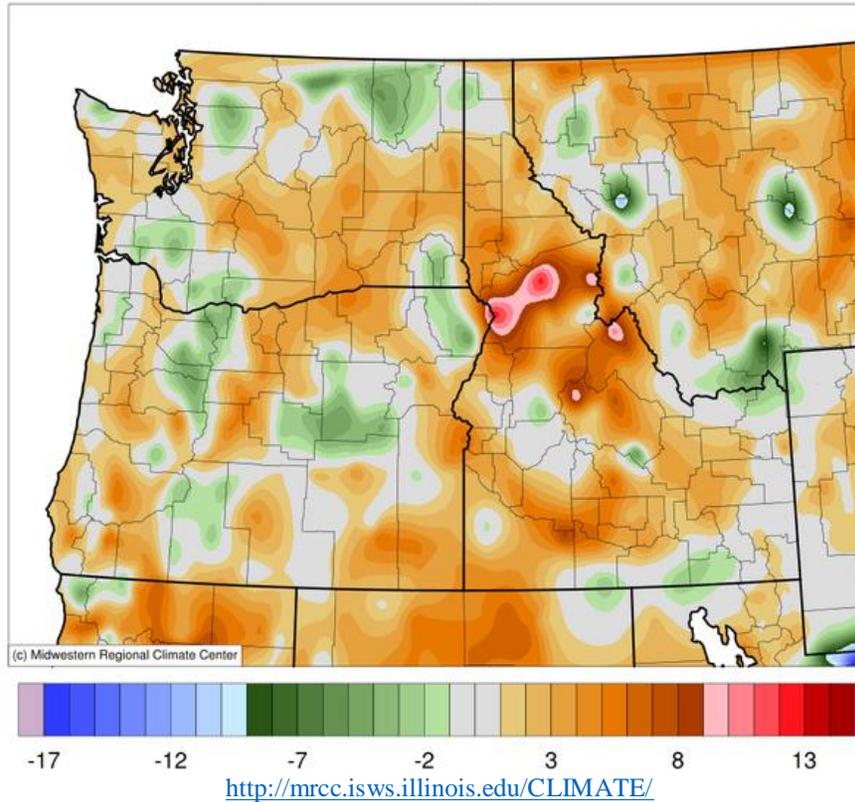
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2019 to April 26, 2020



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

April 20, 2020 to April 26, 2020



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