



Crop Progress and Condition



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Idaho Received Some Rain, but More was Needed

There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Northern Idaho had good growing weather. Sporadic rainfall helped topsoil moisture through the week. Topsoil was still short. Southwest Idaho had good rainfall. Mormon crickets were reported on the Owyhee Front. Corn planting started in earnest last week in Jerome and Twin Falls Counties. Operators were busy hauling manure and working corn and bean fields. The area received some rain. Teton County had warmer temperatures. Melting snow allowed pastures to start greening up; however, most fields were too saturated to plant.

Dry Conditions Throughout Oregon

There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, up slightly from 6.1 days the previous week. In northwest Oregon, well-managed pastures were in excellent condition. Small grains and grass seed looked good. Pasture grass grew quickly. More small producers planted spring and summer vegetables. A few producers planted corn for silage. Producers harvested grass cover crops and made ensilage. In north central Oregon, producers reported extremely dry conditions. Crops looked okay, but needed moisture. Winter wheat started to turn, which means the crop may head out sooner than desired. Hay progress was slow and first cutting seemed to be dramatically affected by the drought. Rangeland started to be a concern for summer grazing. In Morrow County, all of the winter wheat crop was now under stress from the lack of moisture. Parts of some fields would not recover even if it does rain. In northeast Oregon, it was another dry week. Winter crops were doing fair and dryland spring crops were making slow progress. Winter canola was doing very well. In Coos and Curry Counties, there was significant rainfall, primarily on Saturday. This helped the topsoil conditions and grass for the near term, but was too late to do much good for subsoil and long-term summer outlook. Coos County Commissioners passed an Emergency Drought Declaration April 24, stating, "The coast is shockingly low this year and Coos County is in severe drought status as of April 14. There were issues with domestic water wells going dry and recovering." Many streams remained at late-summer levels. In southwest Oregon, it was another dry week. Crops were in very good condition but early signs of moisture stress in pastures and hillside fields were showing. All orchard crops finished bloom and pollination with nice crop load potential. Vineyards grew rapidly with about a foot of growth this past week. Growers were busy making fungicide sprays for powdery mildew. Blueberry crops finished bloom and pollination and had a very good fruit set. Raspberry and blackberry crops also looked excellent, but still had a few weeks before flowering. Lake County received a small amount of precipitation during the week. Producers dependent on creek water for irrigation were concerned that there would not be sufficient water for their crops. Many creeks stopped running. In Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties, there were a couple of days of rain showers. Pear trees were blooming during the last couple of weeks. Hybrid grapes started budding. Lilacs and tulips started blooming in Prineville. In Klamath County, there was not much precipitation so the land looked very dry. In Wheeler County, conditions remained dry and rangeland started to be a concern for summer grazing.

Good Crop Planting Progress Reported in Washington

There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, down from 6.1 the previous week. Intermittent rainfall from a series of low pressure systems passed through the state and brought much needed rainfall. Crop producers wrapped up seeding spring grains and made good progress planting row crops ahead of the much needed rainfall. Along the coast, oyster producers experienced significant revenue loss. Without a viable market, oysters that were seeded last year matured past their prime size for retail sale. The pumpkin and flower farmers also experienced setbacks. The weather was favorable with gentle showers. Crops were doing great. Early plantings came up well. San Juan County continued to see emergence of pastures as soil temperatures warmed up and growth kicked into action. In Snohomish County, no field corn was in the ground yet. In central Washington, Okanogan County received rain both Friday and Saturday. Crops and grass responded well to moisture. Yakima Valley received a trace of rain from scattered showers. Low temperatures at night forced growers to engage frost protection measures to protect young fruitlets. Most tree fruit crops were in post bloom. Field crews continued to dispose of orchard tear-out. Grape vines were actively growing. Hop vines began to work their way up the trellis strings. Asparagus harvest continued. In northeast and east central Washington, winds impeded some field work. Cooler temperatures slowed some crop development. Precipitation was adequate to maintain crop conditions and soil moisture levels. In eastern Washington, the rain received helped grain crops. They looked good for now, but more soil moisture was needed. Almost all spring seeding was completed.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 05/03/20

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	5	13	75	7
Oregon	18	26	55	1
Washington	13	35	50	2
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	1	17	78	4
Oregon	19	36	44	1
Washington	8	30	60	2

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 05/03/20

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	1	6	22	62	9
Oregon	2	27	37	30	4
Washington	3	4	34	55	4
Winter wheat					
Idaho	-	4	31	56	9
Oregon	3	12	30	38	17
Washington	-	1	22	67	10
Spring wheat					
Oregon	13	15	26	36	10
Washington	-	-	23	67	10
Barley					
Oregon	5	6	27	50	12
Oats					
Oregon	-	-	24	45	31
Onions					
Idaho	-	-	-	100	-
Oregon	1	1	24	58	16
Sugarbeets					
Oregon	-	3	57	40	-
Dry edible pea					
Oregon	4	7	19	49	21

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 05/03/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	78	61	69	73
Spring wheat emerged.....	21	14	18	38
Winter wheat headed.....	1	-	2	3
Barley planted.....	74	61	74	77
Barley emerged.....	29	24	27	48
Oats planted.....	56	50	47	58
Oats emerged.....	31	23	17	29
Potatoes planted.....	38	27	58	51
Sugarbeets planted.....	84	83	95	88
Sugarbeets emerged.....	39	28	32	(NA)
Field corn planted.....	41	11	48	43
Field corn emerged.....	-	-	11	11
Dry edible beans planted.....	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry peas planted.....	75	65	17	42
Dry peas emerged.....	36	21	(NA)	(NA)
Onions emerged.....	100	70	39	44

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 05/03/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	98	93	68	86
Spring wheat emerged.....	92	74	50	67
Winter wheat headed.....	13	1	-	3
Barley planted.....	98	94	68	83
Barley emerged.....	85	70	44	59
Oats planted.....	94	92	71	70
Oats emerged.....	88	74	47	36
Potatoes planted.....	91	85	81	66
Potatoes emerged.....	40	31	29	(NA)
Sugarbeets emerged.....	85	73	29	(NA)
Field corn planted.....	63	57	40	44
Field corn emerged.....	17	4	12	10
Dry edible beans planted.....	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry peas emerged.....	85	65	29	(NA)
Onions emerged.....	80	71	47	(NA)

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(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 05/03/20

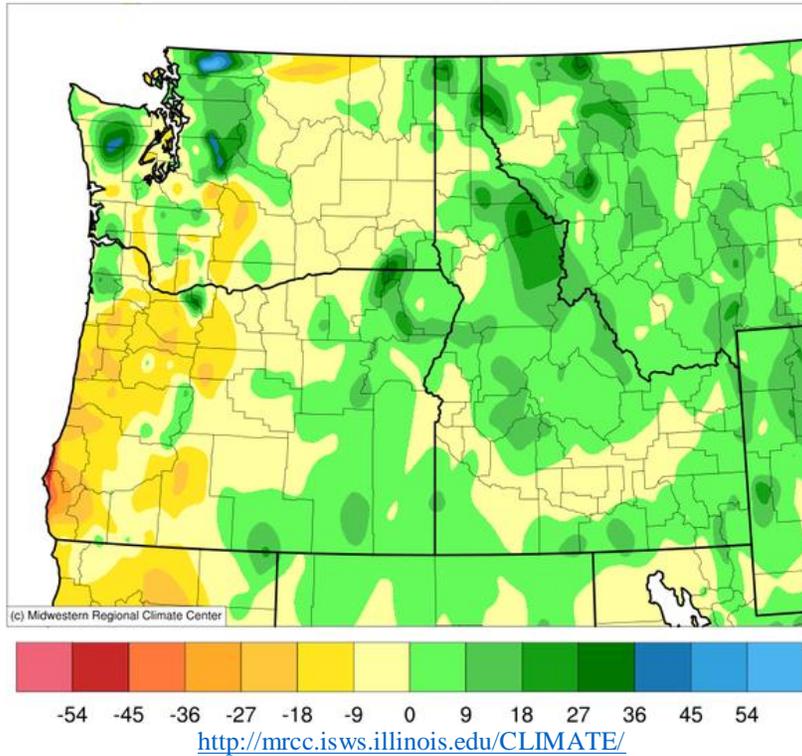
Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted	92	88	66	77
Spring wheat emerged	78	60	25	46
Winter wheat headed	5	-	2	5
Barley planted	88	76	55	61
Barley emerged	53	38	25	36
Oats planted	70	42	34	37
Oats emerged	24	2	14	16
Potatoes planted	76	47	65	77
Potatoes emerged	16	3	6	(NA)
Sugarbeets planted	60	55	68	(NA)
Sugarbeets emerged	8	(NA)	1	(NA)
Field corn planted	70	33	36	49
Field corn emerged	25	-	4	10
Dry edible beans planted	69	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry peas planted	91	71	44	55
Dry peas emerged	39	11	(NA)	(NA)
Onions planted	63	43	81	83
Onions emerged	27	14	36	24
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting	1	(NA)	1	(NA)

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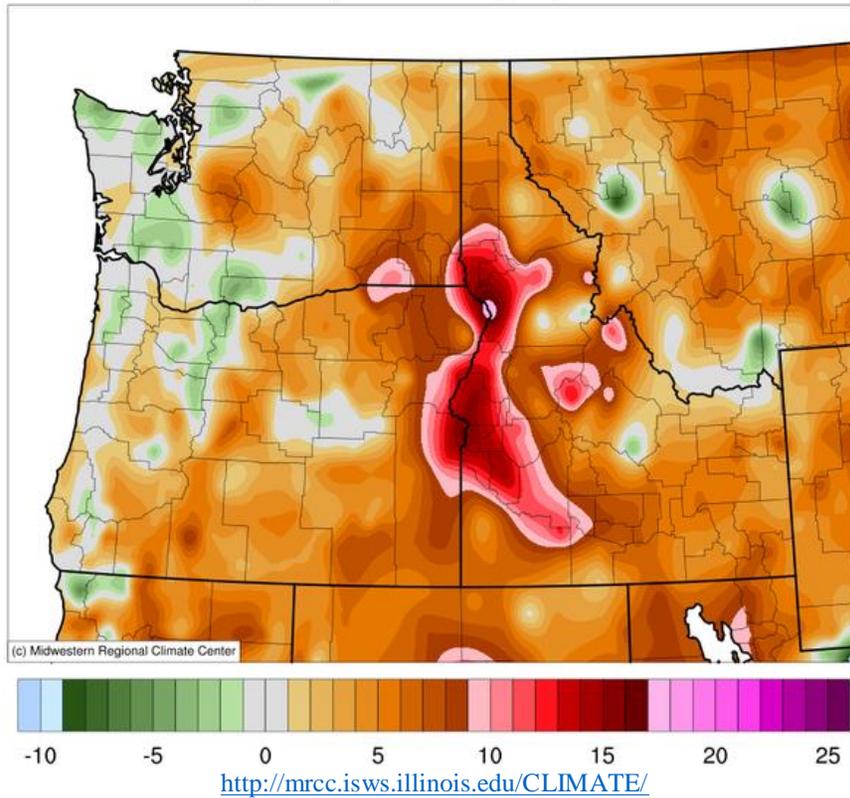
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2019 to May 03, 2020



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

April 27, 2020 to May 03, 2020



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