



Crop Progress and Condition



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Rain, Snow, and Low Temperatures Blow Through Idaho

There were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week, down from 5.8 days suitable the previous week. Benewah and Kootenai Counties were hammered with almost three inches of rain from May 12 to May 20. Boundary County also had windy, cold, and rainy weather last week. The rains in southwest Idaho deterred operators from taking their first cutting of alfalfa hay. Eastern Idaho had snowfall and rainstorms. Teton County had frost Friday night and several inches of snow Saturday. The cold weather hurt diversified crop producers, including fruit orchardists. The precipitation and cold temperatures in Butte, Jefferson, and Madison Counties slowed crop progress.

Lots of Precipitation throughout Oregon

There were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, down from 5.0 days the previous week. In northwest Oregon, pastures and hayfields grew quickly. There were several days of rain with sun breaks. Early corn silage seeding seemed to be successful. As of last week, there were many fields that had not been seeded. Grass silage fields looked good after the first harvests of the year. The grass crops started pollinating on Saturday. Strawberries continued to show progress. Turnips were about done with their bloom, while radishes and meadow foam were in full bloom. In Polk County, the orchard grass seed crop was in full bloom which was about 2 weeks early. On vegetable farms, the following were planted outside: annual herbs, salad greens, radishes, and cole crop transplants. Tomatoes were transplanted into high tunnels. In north central Oregon, there was a lot of rain and the weather was nice and cool. The rain total received this month was as much, or more, than what was received from January through April. It was a much needed boost for the crops and pastures. One potential problem from the precipitation last week was the risk of rust developing throughout the wheat crops. In Gilliam and Wheeler Counties, significant rains of 1 to 3 inches helped the growing situation. In northeast Oregon, there was a significant amount of precipitation received on May 20. Forested lands at higher elevations reported up to 5 inches of precipitation. The precipitation helped spring and winter crops significantly. Some rilling and erosion was visible in some conventionally tilled fields. Most winter wheat had emerged heads. Growers were encouraged to scout winter wheat fields to determine if rust affected flag leaves. Winter canola was passing out of bloom and looked excellent. Spring canola was coming along well. Yellow mustard had initial blooms, even though it was small. In southwest Oregon, two very light rain events occurred during the past week. Total rain of around half an inch along with cool temperatures in the high 60's allowed crops to slowly develop without any yield loss. The light rains made conditions for fungal disease optimal and pushed producers to keep spraying fungicides on orchard, berry, grape, and ornamental crops. The cool spring allowed producers to put off a couple irrigation cycles saving costs and water that normally would be used in May. Malheur County was extremely wet last week as rain storms persisted throughout the week. There was an accumulation of over two inches of rain in most areas last week. Range conditions improved at higher elevations. However, low elevations did not improve due to the prevalence of invasive annual grasses. In Lake County, some precipitation was also received last week. The county's current level of precipitation was 69% of normal since the beginning of the water year on October 1. For Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties producers waited for the upcoming weekend weather report to determine when to begin hay harvest.

Washington Crop Conditions Benefited from Some Nice Moisture

There were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, down from 5.4 the previous week. Crop conditions and emergent progress benefited from a mixture of rain and sunshine throughout the state. Field crops looked good. Rain hampered some final planting and fieldwork. In western Washington, the warmer weather last week helped grass hay grow at a faster rate. Some hay and haylage was harvested. Most of the corn was in the ground. Several vegetable producers observed big increases in Community Supported Agricultural requests. Livestock producers were sold out for fall beef and pork. Egg sales were also plentiful. Central Washington reported weather that was cloudy and cool with scattered showers early in the week. On the plus side, the nice weather last week extended the asparagus harvest. Another crop observed in the Farmer's markets were green onions. Some corn fields with plants reached calf height, while field corn started to emerge in most fields. Growers harvested first cutting of alfalfa hay. Pear and apple crops looked good with fruitlets reaching quarter-diameter size. Field crews thinned off the apple crop to promote fruit size. Post bloom frosts reduced the cherry crop for the earlier harvest in Yakima County. Cherry growers initiated bird-scaring tactics like reflective tape. Yakima County still looked to have a modest to good crop of good-sized cherries. In northeast Washington, a second wet week of rain and windy days were reported. Precipitation also greatly increased top-soil moisture conditions and improved winter and spring cereal crop conditions in east central Washington. In southeast Washington, first cuttings of alfalfa and other hay took place in the southern part of Walla Walla County. Rain helped get the soil moisture content up over the past week across most all of southeast Washington. With heavy rains last week, some dry peas that were in bloom got blooms knocked off or flattened.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 05/24/20

Crop and State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	-	3	10	69	18
Oregon	2	30	43	23	2
Washington	6	5	30	55	4
Winter wheat					
Idaho	-	3	24	46	27
Oregon	4	21	35	32	8
Washington	-	1	12	76	11
Spring wheat					
Idaho	-	1	48	40	11
Oregon	13	19	25	37	6
Washington	-	6	15	74	5
Barley					
Idaho	-	1	46	50	3
Oregon	7	9	17	62	5
Washington	-	6	6	86	2
Oats					
Idaho	-	-	35	52	13
Oregon	-	1	6	76	17
Washington	-	-	23	72	5
Potatoes					
Oregon	2	5	28	46	19
Washington	-	-	12	72	16
Corn					
Idaho	-	-	10	80	10
Oregon	-	3	12	67	18
Washington	-	-	16	70	14
Dry edible beans					
Idaho	-	-	56	44	-
Washington	-	-	1	96	3
Onions					
Idaho	-	-	-	100	-
Oregon	1	1	13	55	30
Washington	-	2	14	50	34
Sugarbeets					
Idaho	-	-	10	75	15
Oregon	2	4	26	64	4
Dry edible peas					
Idaho	-	-	20	70	10
Oregon	7	15	23	46	9
Washington	-	-	8	87	5

- Represents zero.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 05/24/20

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	-	10	54	36
Oregon	9	21	60	10
Washington	4	15	77	4
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	3	6	74	17
Oregon	20	38	41	1
Washington	6	16	74	4

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 05/24/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat emerged	86	72	64	79
Winter wheat headed.....	14	11	9	19
Barley emerged.....	82	63	69	82
Oats planted.....	91	83	79	86
Oats emerged	76	63	50	64
Potatoes planted	89	79	87	92
Potatoes emerged	35	29	28	36
Sugarbeets planted	93	90	99	97
Sugarbeets emerged.....	72	71	78	(NA)
Field corn planted	86	84	88	86
Field corn emerged.....	49	47	61	59
Dry edible beans planted	77	70	58	63
Dry edible beans emerged.....	59	47	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas planted.....	91	85	96	86
Dry edible peas emerged.....	79	73	33	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting	5	3	7	15

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 05/24/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat headed.....	19	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat headed.....	50	25	21	47
Barley headed.....	9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats emerged	94	93	83	79
Oats headed.....	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes emerged	72	66	73	61
Field corn planted	90	82	79	87
Field corn emerged.....	69	61	62	61
Dry edible beans planted	50	45	46	66
Dry edible beans emerged.....	20	5	(NA)	(NA)
Onions emerged	95	90	79	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting	16	12	21	32

(NA) Not available.

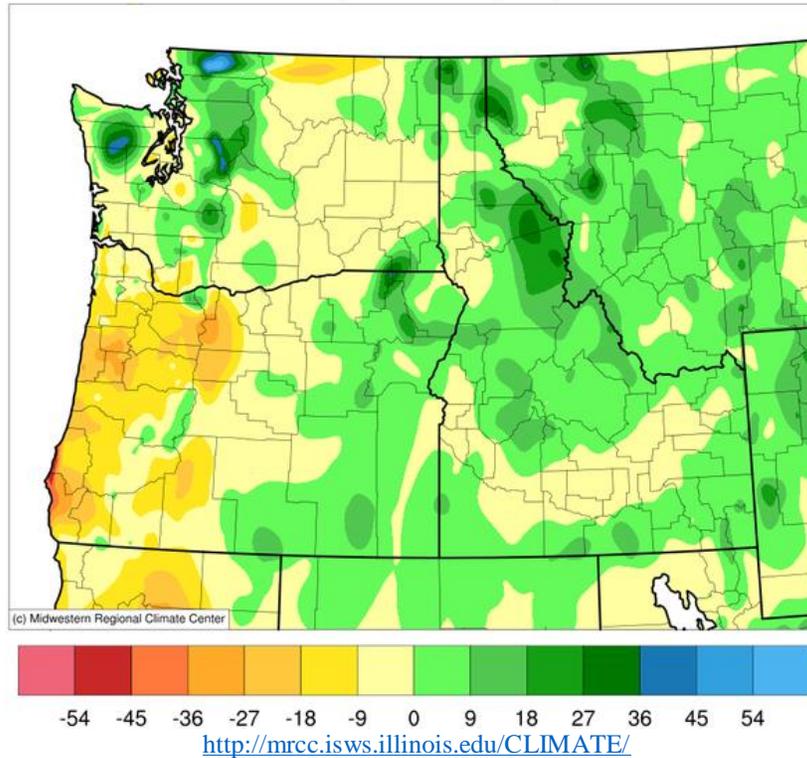
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 05/24/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat emerged	87	82	75	86
Winter wheat headed	28	20	19	38
Barley emerged	82	71	60	78
Oats planted	95	85	69	78
Oats emerged.....	55	50	38	49
Potatoes emerged.....	73	55	60	(NA)
Sugarbeets emerged.....	50	25	61	(NA)
Field corn planted.....	95	93	88	91
Field corn emerged	85	78	68	68
Dry edible beans planted	99	92	59	75
Dry edible beans emerged.....	85	64	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas emerged.....	95	88	59	(NA)
Onions emerged.....	98	67	96	81
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting	44	29	32	40

(NA) Not available.

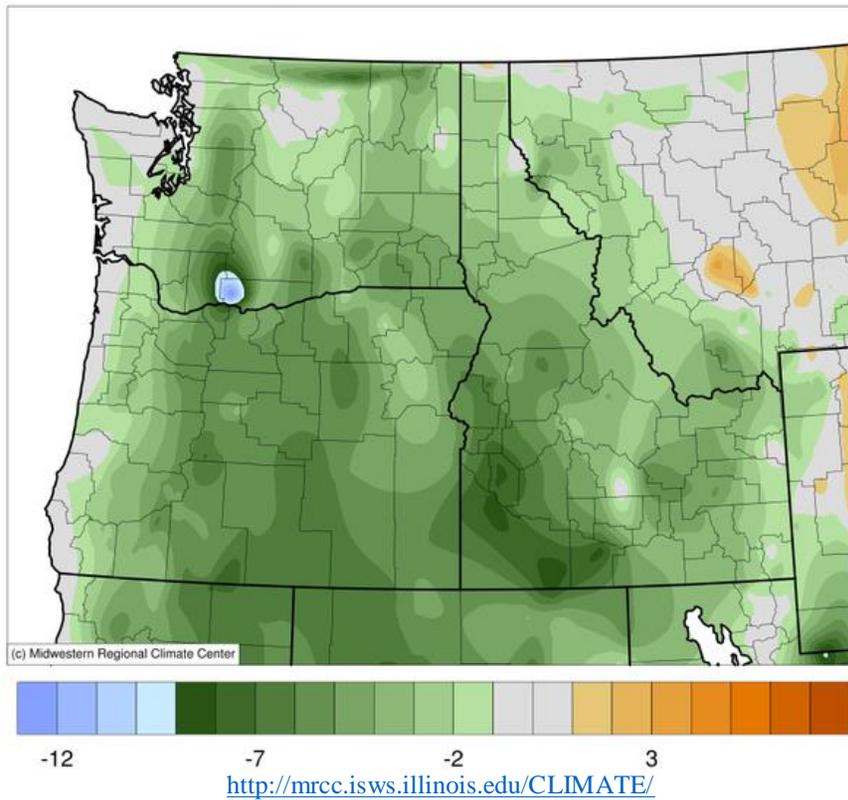
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2019 to May 24, 2020



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

May 18, 2020 to May 24, 2020



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