



Crop Progress and Condition



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Excellent Crop Growth in Idaho

There were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork, up from 4.7 days suitable last week. Benewah and Kootenai Counties received almost 4 inches of rain from May 12 to May 31. In Boundary County, warm and sunny weather was followed by heavy rains. This weather helped crop growth and pasture conditions. In southern Idaho, precipitation during the last weekend slowed the first cutting of alfalfa. A few acres of sugarbeets were replanted mainly due to wind damage. Bean planting was well underway. In eastern Idaho, there was an excellent week of growth and great heat units for grains and potatoes. There were also very windy conditions.

Warm Weather followed by Cool Wet Weather in Oregon

There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, up from 4.2 days the previous week. Benton, Lincoln, and Linn Counties all reported warmer weather. Grass seed was pollinating. Warm weather crops and pastures were doing well. Local markets were selling the first picking of strawberries. Early vegetable crops were in abundant supply at the Saturday markets. In Polk County, pasture grasses progressed to seed about two weeks ahead of normal, but quality was good. Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties reported the first cutting of alfalfa for hay or haylage was complete. Grass seed crops looked good. Some vegetables still needed to be planted. There was also a strange mix of weather with two very hot days, followed by much cooler, wetter ones. Some berry damage was possible. Some sunburn issues were reported in nurseries. Some grass hay and grass seed fields were lodged by the heavy rains. Clatsop and Tillamook Counties reported dry summer conditions. Corn was up and grass silage down in the fields. In Hood River, Sherman, and Wasco Counties, temperatures were hanging in the 70's, but then jumped into the 80's later in the week. Producers were still getting field work done and prepping equipment for harvests. An intense thunderstorm, which also included Gilliam County, resulted in significant amounts of precipitation, some in the form of crop-damaging hail. Umatilla and Wallowa Counties reported stripe rust present in many winter wheat fields where the Magic variety was susceptible. Rust was down lower in the canopy and not yet in the flag leaf. Both winter and spring canola were doing well. Coos, Curry, and Josephine Counties remained at D3 on the U.S. Drought Monitor and were all under severe drought declarations of both the Governor and the Secretary of Agriculture. Those counties did get some much needed rainfall, which helped topsoil conditions and grasses. High moisture round bales sprang up all over the counties beating the rainfall. Most of Douglas, Josephine, and Jackson Counties received over an inch of rain during the weekend. This allowed farmers to shut off irrigation for the coming week, helping them conserve scarce water resources and extend the irrigation season longer into the summer. Farmers used fungicide spray to keep fruit, vegetable, and berry crops in good condition. Seasonal insect pests built up with the mild, cooler weather. Monitoring for Spotted Wing Drosophila and Brown Marmorated Stink Bug continued in an effort to control their populations over the next two weeks as berries got closer to the coloring up stage. Presently, all crops were doing well. In Malheur County, fields dried out and field work continued. Onion growers sprayed for onion thrips. Potatoes reached row closure. The first cutting of alfalfa resumed and was mostly complete. Dry bean planting accelerated with the drier conditions and was mostly complete. Winter wheat and small grains were heading out. Lake County precipitation remained at 69 percent of normal. Klamath County hay was just about to start first cutting. There were significant amounts of negative impact on planted acres due to drought conditions and lack of irrigation water. Some planted potatoes. There was some moisture, but not enough to make a difference. Wheeler County reported that the first cutting of hay was delayed due to the weather or had been rained on if it was already down.

Rain and Thunder on May 30 Stormed Across Washington

There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, up from 5.0 the previous week. Western Washington had heavy showers and cool weather. Planting was interrupted and slowed. Crops already planted were in good condition. Grass growth benefited from the weather. Dairies took their first cutting of hay. San Juan County had ideal conditions of both rain and sun. Farmers had early hay and haylage harvest. Snohomish County producers had their first baleage taken off and field corn planted before the rainstorm last weekend. Greens and radishes were harvested on farmer's market operations. Temperatures warmed through the last week in Yakima County. Saturday's storm had wind gusts up to 70 mph, which knocked down trees, disrupted power to homes, and blew down fruit bin piles. First fruit harvest of the season started with field crews color-picking sweet cherries. The hop crop was progressing well with some plants reaching six feet on their trellises and other plants starting to climb. Asparagus harvest continued. The first cutting of alfalfa hay neared completion. Northeast Washington had fair weather with warming temperatures. Fewer potato and onion producers in Lincoln County planted their crops. Heavy rains helped soil moisture and cereal crop conditions. The Palouse had hot temperatures followed by the weekend thunderstorm on May 30. Some crop damage was reported in Walla Walla and Columbia Counties due to wind, rain, and hail.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 05/31/20

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	-	2	18	60	20
Oregon	3	27	40	27	3
Washington	4	11	23	57	5
Winter wheat					
Idaho	-	2	33	45	20
Oregon	4	20	34	32	10
Washington	-	2	13	67	18
Spring wheat					
Idaho	-	1	48	43	8
Oregon	13	20	30	28	9
Washington	-	5	14	67	14
Barley					
Idaho	1	1	44	43	11
Oregon	2	7	23	57	11
Washington	-	6	9	73	12
Oats					
Idaho	-	-	23	57	20
Oregon	-	1	17	56	26
Washington	-	-	20	79	1
Potatoes					
Idaho	-	-	5	60	35
Oregon	2	5	29	44	20
Washington	-	-	13	67	20
Corn					
Idaho	-	-	6	84	10
Oregon	-	2	13	64	21
Washington	-	4	20	58	18
Dry edible beans					
Idaho	-	1	39	60	-
Washington	-	1	3	95	1
Onions					
Idaho	-	-	-	100	-
Oregon	1	6	15	55	23
Washington	-	2	11	70	17
Sugarbeets					
Idaho	-	2	14	69	15
Oregon	-	10	15	60	15
Washington	-	-	-	100	-
Dry edible peas					
Idaho	-	-	26	63	11
Oregon	8	15	23	42	12
Washington	-	-	9	76	15

- Represents zero.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 05/31/20

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	2	13	67	18
Oregon	11	22	62	5
Washington	5	16	75	4
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	2	11	75	12
Oregon	19	37	43	1
Washington	5	20	70	5

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 05/31/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat emerged	95	86	73	87
Spring wheat headed.....	1	(NA)	-	-
Winter wheat headed.....	16	14	26	33
Barley emerged.....	91	82	80	89
Barley headed.....	2	(NA)	-	3
Oats planted.....	93	91	87	92
Oats emerged	89	76	68	75
Oats headed.....	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes planted	98	89	93	97
Potatoes emerged	53	35	44	58
Sugarbeets planted	97	93	100	98
Sugarbeets emerged.....	86	72	84	88
Field corn planted	91	86	92	93
Field corn emerged.....	77	49	75	72
Dry edible beans planted	85	77	67	73
Dry edible beans emerged	70	59	16	(NA)
Dry edible peas planted.....	95	91	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas emerged	82	79	60	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting	15	5	12	29

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 05/31/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat headed.....	28	19	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat headed.....	85	50	54	74
Barley headed.....	36	9	(NA)	(NA)
Oats emerged	95	94	88	88
Oats headed.....	12	1	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes emerged	82	72	84	78
Field corn planted	96	90	86	92
Field corn emerged.....	74	69	70	79
Dry edible beans planted	88	50	61	83
Dry edible beans emerged	42	20	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting	45	16	36	50

(NA) Not available.

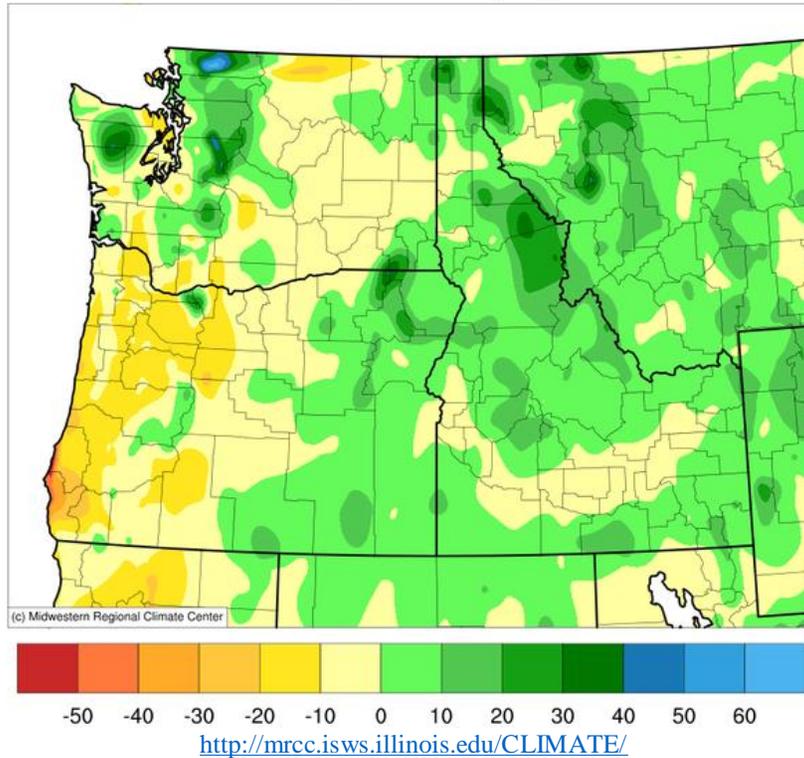
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 05/31/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat emerged	90	87	83	91
Spring wheat headed	5	(NA)	-	4
Winter wheat headed	55	28	44	58
Barley emerged	85	82	68	83
Barley headed	5	(NA)	-	4
Oats emerged	59	55	43	62
Potatoes emerged	86	73	81	86
Sugarbeets emerged	62	50	86	(NA)
Field corn emerged	90	85	73	81
Dry edible beans emerged	90	85	53	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting	61	44	39	56

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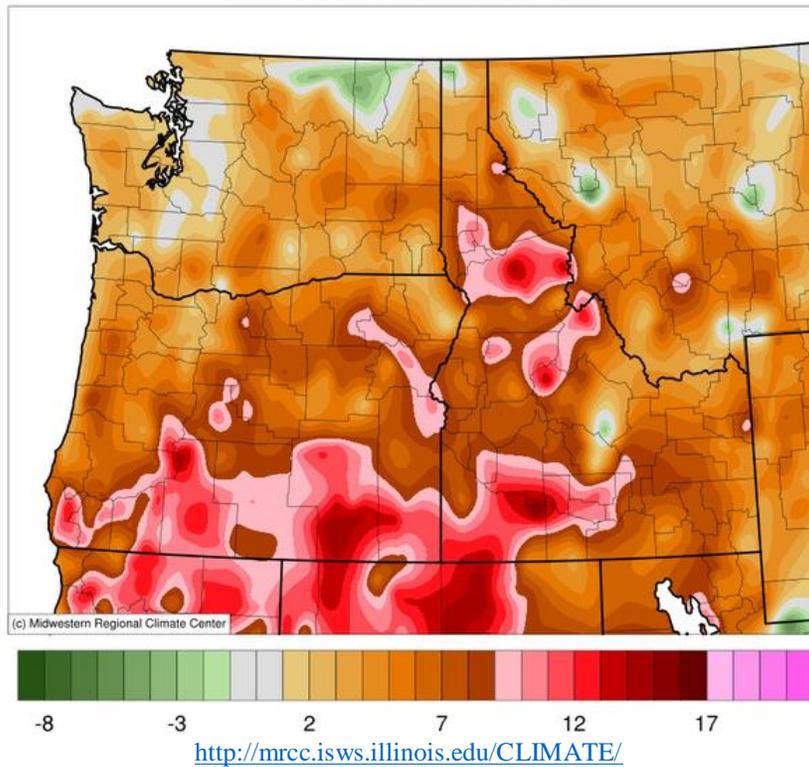
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2019 to May 31, 2020



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

May 25, 2020 to May 31, 2020



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