



Crop Progress and Condition



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Idaho Wheat Harvest Started in Warm and Dry Weather

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork, the same as reported last week. Idaho weather continued to be excellent for fieldwork. Moisture levels and pasture conditions deteriorated some in a typical summer weather pattern. Crop producers irrigated state-wide in the summer heat. Crops looked great, but dryland pastures needed more rain. Grass was in fair condition. The southwest part of Idaho received some thunderstorms. Bear Lake County reported their first rain for July 2020. Fire danger was moderate to high. In south central Idaho, corn entered the corn silking maturity level in earnest. Winter wheat harvest started. Alfalfa third cutting started. A few fields of potatoes with dead or dying vines were rolled. In northern Idaho, dry weather created typical midsummer range conditions with dried down pastures. Winter wheat turned and ripened. Spring grains began to dry down as well. Ascochyta blight was observed in multiple chickpea fields in Nez Perce County.

Parched Oregon Baked under the Sun

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, down from 7.0 days from the previous week. Harvest progressed nicely in the Willamette Valley due to the hot, dry days. The Polk County grass seed crop suffered from vole damage. Northwest Oregon was in a hot weather cycle. The winter wheat crop harvest was nearing completion in this portion of the state. Horticulture crops were under stress due to the high temperatures. Grass silage and hay harvest continued in Clatsop and Tillamook Counties. North central Oregon continued to be hot and dry. Harvest started last week, even with prominent drought conditions. There was no precipitation last week on the southwest coast. Grazing continued, but hills started to dry up. Stream flows were reduced and stock ponds were drying up. Both Coos and Curry Counties remained in the D3 drought stage. The counties were behind the historical average for rainfall through July. Malheur County had favorable growing conditions. Lake County had high temperatures in the mid-90s for most of the week and thunderclouds built up. Grass hay harvest was underway. Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties had no rain during the week. Hot conditions sped up hay drying.

Warm, Dry Weather Prevailed in Washington

There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, up from 6.8 the previous week. San Juan County reported the usual seasonal swing into their dry summer. A lot of hay was cut. Livestock were still on pastures, but many with drier soil types expressed that quality was low as plants dried out and stopped growing. CSA farms did well, especially those with irrigation. Berry crops were harvested. Tree fruit continued sizing. Benton County was over 100 degrees Fahrenheit for 10 days. Yakima County also reached triple digit temperatures. There were reports of small brush fires. Late-maturing cherry varieties were harvested. Blueberries, peaches, nectarines, as well as numerous vegetable crops and melons were also harvested. Hop yards saw green cones in early maturing varieties. Crops looked great in both Columbia and Walla Walla Counties.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 07/26/20

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	-	6	19	59	16
Oregon	23	46	18	12	1
Washington	18	10	28	40	4
Winter wheat					
Idaho	-	2	11	60	27
Oregon	5	15	36	34	10
Washington	1	3	17	48	31
Spring wheat					
Idaho	-	2	10	71	17
Oregon	14	17	25	39	5
Washington	1	7	11	54	27
Barley					
Idaho	-	1	9	71	19
Oregon	3	12	24	58	3
Washington	1	7	6	64	22
Oats					
Idaho	-	-	8	57	35
Oregon	-	-	16	80	4
Washington	1	1	2	74	22
Potatoes					
Idaho	-	-	3	64	33
Oregon	3	6	30	37	24
Washington	-	2	10	61	27
Corn					
Idaho	-	-	4	83	13
Oregon	1	4	10	69	16
Washington	2	4	22	50	22
Dry edible beans					
Idaho	-	5	20	67	8
Oregon	2	4	14	60	20
Washington	1	1	20	61	17
Onions					
Idaho	-	-	5	95	-
Oregon	-	7	13	66	14
Washington	-	3	16	47	34
Sugarbeets					
Idaho	-	-	3	74	23
Oregon	-	-	20	72	8
Washington	-	-	-	40	60
Dry edible peas					
Idaho	-	4	10	66	20
Oregon	4	7	22	48	19
Washington	-	-	9	52	39

- Represents zero.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 07/26/20

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	10	31	58	1
Oregon	39	32	28	1
Washington	27	35	36	2
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	9	29	60	2
Oregon	40	30	27	3
Washington	15	37	45	3

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 07/26/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat headed.....	98	92	94	95
Spring wheat harvested.....	1	(NA)	-	2
Winter wheat harvested.....	13	6	5	15
Barley headed.....	97	85	93	95
Barley harvested.....	2	(NA)	1	4
Oats headed.....	98	89	88	(NA)
Oats harvested.....	6	4	2	9
Potatoes harvested.....	1	(NA)	-	-
Field corn silking	56	30	45	64
Field corn dough	4	(NA)	-	10
Dry edible peas harvested	1	-	3	8
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting	60	51	60	72
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 07/26/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat harvested.....	37	14	28	44
Barley harvested.....	3	1	10	24
Oats headed.....	95	93	94	(NA)
Oats harvested.....	11	8	4	10
Potatoes harvested.....	4	-	11	11
Field corn silking	31	13	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas harvested	73	40	50	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting	59	53	73	78
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	2	(NA)	1	3

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(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 07/26/20

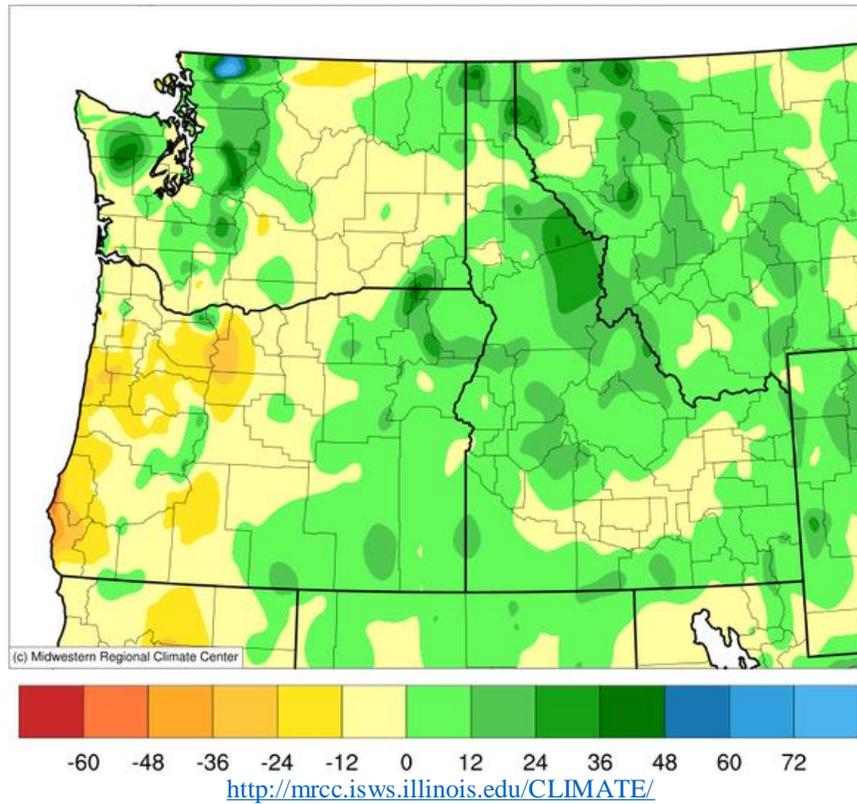
Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested.....	7	(NA)	1	8
Winter wheat harvested.....	19	5	16	31
Barley harvested.....	10	(NA)	1	5
Oats headed.....	95	73	86	73
Oats harvested.....	2	-	-	6
Potatoes harvested.....	7	(NA)	6	6
Field corn silking.....	46	38	49	54
Field corn dough.....	8	(NA)	2	8
Dry edible peas harvested.....	20	13	36	43
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting.....	82	68	92	83
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	3	(NA)	20	21

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(NA) Not available.

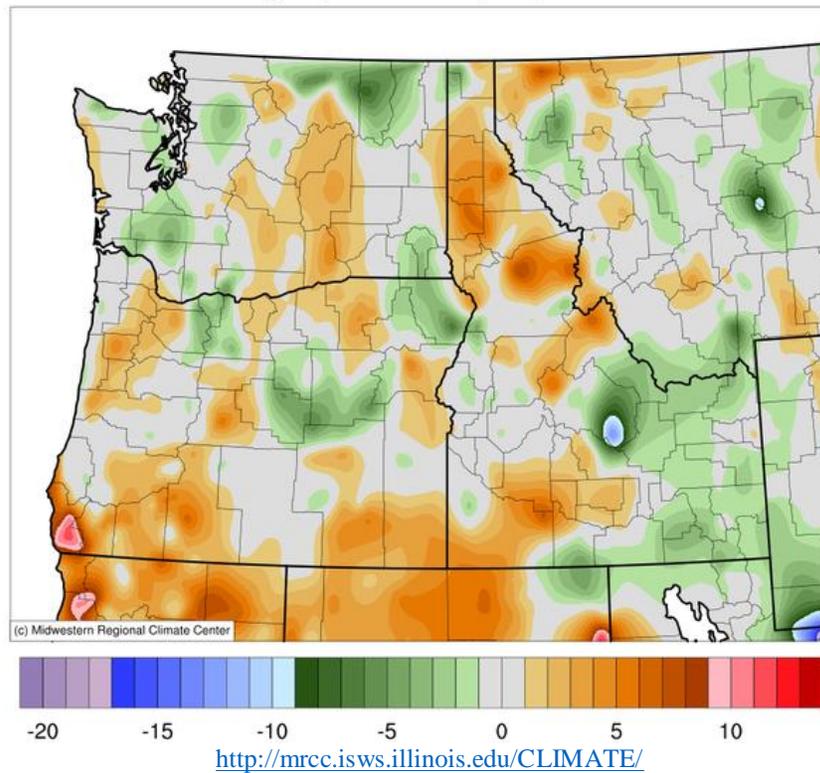
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2019 to July 26, 2020



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

July 20, 2020 to July 26, 2020



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