



Crop Progress and Condition



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Heavy Snowfall in Northern Idaho

There were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork, down from 6.1 days the previous week. Benewah and Kootenai Counties received 7 to 9 inches of snow Friday afternoon and into Saturday morning. Temperatures were in the teens over the weekend. The area set a record for snowfall in October. In Boundary County, cold temperatures and snow slowed down plant growth. Grass was still green, but growth was slowed. Winter wheat condition was downgraded after a recent inspection. The stand was shorter than usual due to the dry conditions when planting. Snow cover hopefully protected the wheat from the low temperatures. In south central Idaho, freezing temperatures brought an end to the growing season. In southeast Idaho, there was a small amount of rain Saturday, which turned to snow and froze.

Frost and Freezing Temperatures Reported in Oregon

There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, down from 6.6 the previous week. East winds dried out the topsoil in Polk County. Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties reported a hard freeze with lighter freezes earlier last week. Areas of Clatsop and Tillamook Counties reported their first frost of the season. Some field operations occurred during breaks in the weather. Most dairy operations had animals confined. Temperatures dropped in Hood River, Sherman, and Wasco Counties. Some places received a skiff of snow. Producers finished seeding their crops. Due to the drought, producers fed hay to cattle and tried to stockpile for the winter. Winter wheat emerged slowly due to lack of water in Umatilla and Wallowa Counties. The drought also produced significant weed problems. Many growers applied soil active herbicides. Winter canola was doing well. Producers baled more wheat straw. Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine Counties continued to be very dry, taking orchards, vineyards, and berry crops into dormancy without a moisture recharge. Cover crops and annual crops were in need of rain. Onion harvest finished in Malheur County. Sugarbeet harvest was still underway. Fields were prepared for next season's crops. Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties also reported hard frosts. All irrigation was shut down. Industrial hemp harvest continued. A few grass hay fields were still drying.

Early Frost and Snow Hit Washington

There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, down from 5.9 days the previous week. Western Washington suffered from a challenging autumn and producers struggled to harvest forage crops. Between summer replanting, cool temperatures, and smoke, crops did not mature on their typical timeline. Corn harvest was immature. Some corn fields had blown-down stalks that made the fields impossible to harvest. Replanted pumpkins never turned color and did not get put up for sale. Grass crops were faring well, but the early frost last week hurt producers. Vegetable producers rushed to get fall plantings done to avoid frost damage. These circumstances also influenced autumn agritourism, both at pumpkin patches and at corn mazes. San Juan County had lower temperatures last week and range growth slowed. Producers were busy harvesting vegetables from fields and tunnels before last week's freeze. Harvest was completed for most fruit trees. Barley harvest wrapped up. Livestock were still on fall pasture for many producers, while some started feeding stored feed. Skagit County had a wet week. Producers in Snohomish County harvested the last of the corn silage and prepared fields before more frosty nights. Chelan and Douglas Counties had snow on Friday, which impacted the apples still on trees, winter wheat emerging, and feed consumption for livestock. Despite this snow, drought conditions persisted due to the large precipitation deficits from the last year. Recovery from the Pearl Hill Fire continued and producers were assessing damage. Hundreds of miles of fence were damaged and pastures would be effected through 2021. The large loss of vegetation increased the risks of erosion, flash floods, and landslides in some areas. Yakima County had multiple frosts last week, ending with a low of 18 degrees Sunday night. Vegetable production was completed. Some fields were turned down, while other fields still had black plastic and irrigation tubing. Producers frantically continued to harvest grapes and apples through the weekend. Late-maturing apples were harvested. Stevens County received five inches of snow on Friday. Pend Oreille and Spokane Counties had frost almost every morning last week. Cold nights limited onion and hay producers in Adams County. Dry bean harvest was nearly complete. Asotin and Garfield Counties had hard freezes for several days and nights around zero degrees. Some fields had snow cover before the freeze.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/25/20

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	30	27	43	-
Oregon	37	43	20	-
Washington	12	37	49	2
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	30	36	30	4
Oregon	35	46	19	-
Washington	9	31	58	2

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/25/20

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	14	22	33	31	-
Oregon	36	50	10	4	-
Washington	31	27	37	5	-
Winter wheat					
Idaho	-	-	35	48	17
Oregon	4	17	33	34	12
Washington	1	4	22	58	15
Corn					
Idaho	-	-	8	85	7
Oregon	2	3	24	57	14

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 10/25/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	98	91	92	94
Winter wheat emerged.....	61	51	66	70
Potatoes harvested.....	99	94	94	94
Sugarbeets harvested.....	76	57	65	63
Field corn mature.....	95	86	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain.....	45	26	46	51
Field corn harvested for silage.....	95	93	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	74	71	79	79

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 10/25/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	85	62	89	82
Winter wheat emerged.....	29	21	55	44
Potatoes harvested.....	96	93	95	92
Sugarbeets harvested.....	75	46	58	63
Field corn mature.....	95	85	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain.....	42	26	66	66
Field corn harvested for silage.....	85	75	89	86
Onions harvested.....	95	87	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	92	83	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

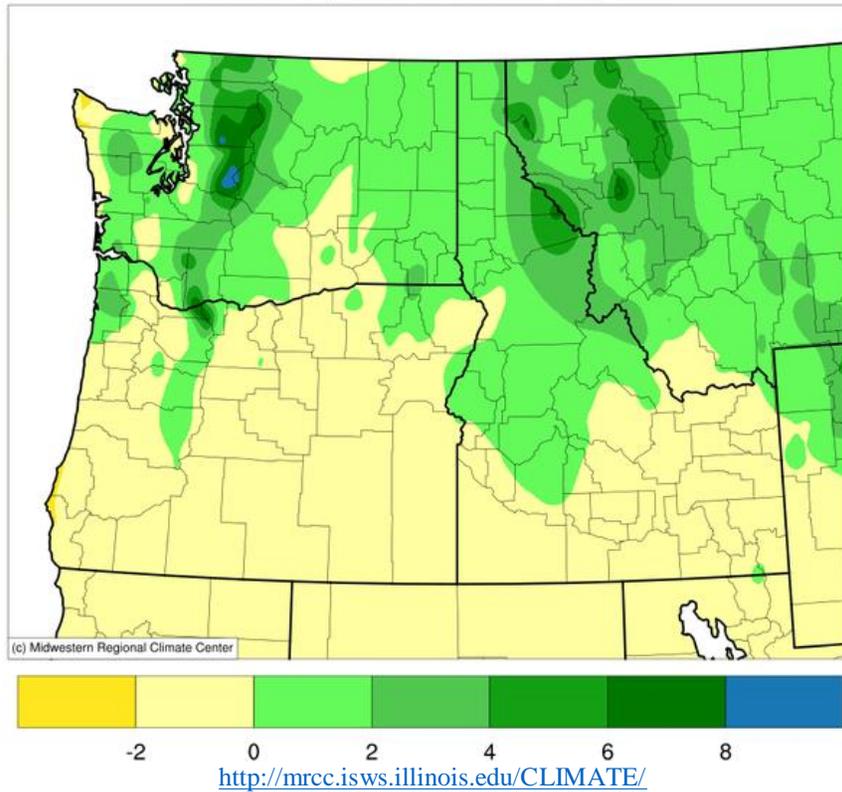
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 10/25/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	96	88	92	92
Winter wheat emerged.....	68	65	69	69
Potatoes harvested.....	92	83	90	91
Sugarbeets harvested.....	70	50	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn mature.....	99	94	93	87
Field corn harvested for grain.....	75	66	36	50
Field corn harvested for silage.....	90	80	89	94
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	88	86	82	90

(NA) Not available.

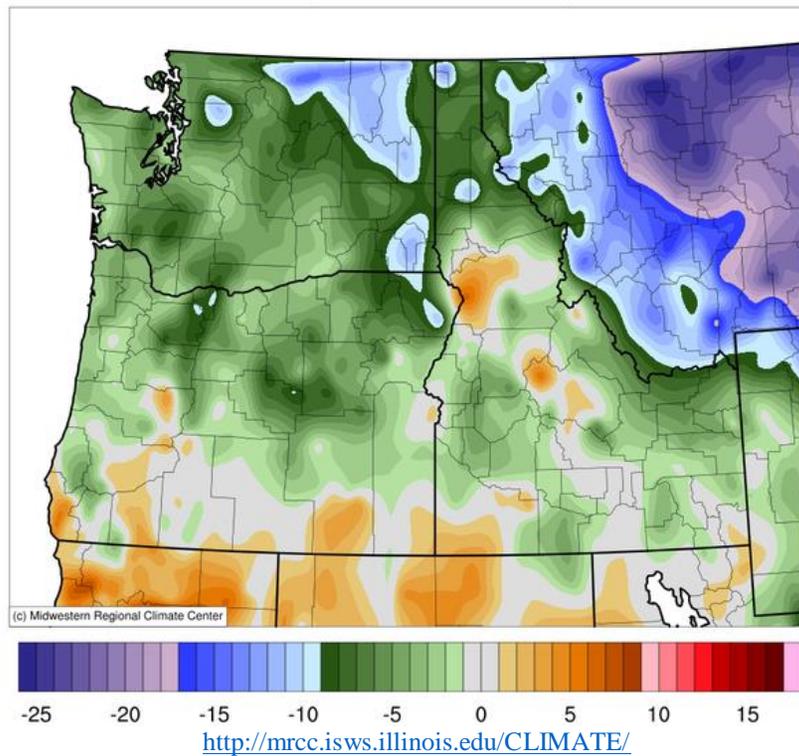
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2020 to October 25, 2020



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

October 19, 2020 to October 25, 2020



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