



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Cold Temperatures in Idaho

There were 2.3 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho. Idaho experienced below average temperatures for the week. Elmore and Owyhee Counties reported above average moisture, leading to a delay in planting. Potato and sugarbeet planting were well underway in Jerome and Twin Falls Counties. Winter wheat was reported as growing well, and alfalfa was breaking dormancy. Heavy rains over the weekend were projected to slow field activities. Bonneville and Madison Counties reported too much soil moisture to begin planting. Fremont, Madison, and Teton Counties reported continued snow cover on the valley floor.

## Good Weather Led to Thriving Crops in Oregon

There were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon. Temperatures ranged from below average across most of the State to above average in northwest Oregon. Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties reported excellent growing conditions resulting from the break in weather. Pastures were reported to be in great condition. Benton and Lincoln Counties reported adequate sun, which resulted in continued progress. Clatsop and Tillamook Counties experienced an even mix of precipitation and mild weather, resulting in haying fields and minimal planting. Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, and Wheeler Counties also reported an even mix of rain and mild weather, contributing to a continued positive progression for pastureland and grasses. Producers were spraying and started on spring work. Malheur County planted onions, sugarbeets, and potatoes but reported a reprieve due to the return of precipitation late in the week. Potential damage reported to onion fields caused by wind. Spring calving continued with ranchers preparing livestock to be moved out to range. Lake County reported cooler weather, which potentially hampered pasture growth. Precipitation aided winter and spring crops in Umatilla County.

## Slow Start to Spring in Washington

There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington. Western Washington saw warmer weather, leading to raspberry plants leafing out. Field work was completed between rain showers. Central Washington saw typical weather for March, with grass starting to grow, but the fields were too wet to begin field work. In Yakima County, honeybees were moved into stone fruit orchards, and vegetable growers were still preparing fields for this year's crop. Apricots bloomed, with flower bloom showing in sweet cherries and peach blocks in warmer areas. Northeast Washington saw heavy rains with scattered hail. Some winter wheat fields had standing water. Field activities had not started in the valleys but did begin along the Columbia River. Calving was in full swing. East central Washington had typical weather for this time of the year. Southeast Washington saw cooler temperatures than the rest of the State.

**Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 03/31/24**

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	-	1	75	24
Oregon.....	5	24	50	21
Washington.....	-	18	78	4
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	-	3	81	16
Oregon.....	5	18	59	18
Washington.....	1	17	80	2

- Represents zero.

**Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 03/31/24**

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	9	21	24	46	-
Oregon.....	6	6	27	52	9
Washington.....	-	1	65	32	2
Winter wheat					
Idaho.....	-	9	25	66	-
Oregon.....	2	5	22	62	9
Washington.....	6	10	33	49	2

- Represents zero.

**Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 03/31/24**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted .....	8	(NA)	(NA)	6
Barley planted.....	7	(NA)	(NA)	7
Oats planted .....	3	(NA)	(NA)	3
Potatoes planted.....	2	(NA)	(NA)	2
Sugarbeets planted.....	3	(NA)	1	6
Dry edible peas planted .....	9	(NA)	(NA)	5
Onions planted .....	16	(NA)	1	17

(NA) Not available.

**Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 03/31/24**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted .....	50	(NA)	21	22
Barley planted.....	42	(NA)	4	12
Oats planted .....	21	(NA)	4	11
Potatoes planted.....	24	(NA)	9	16
Sugarbeets planted.....	60	(NA)	1	22
Dry edible peas planted .....	44	(NA)	5	20
Onions planted .....	42	(NA)	1	28
Onions emerged .....	9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

**Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 03/31/24**

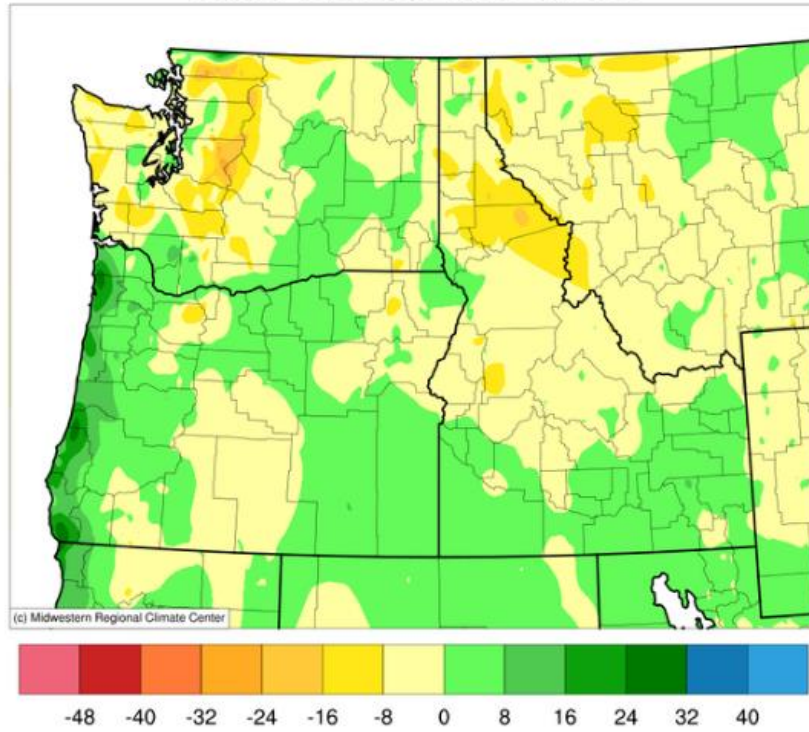
Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted .....	10	(NA)	5	14
Barley planted.....	4	(NA)	2	9
Potatoes planted.....	6	(NA)	1	8
Dry edible peas planted .....	-	(NA)	1	(NA)
Onions planted .....	8	(NA)	1	5

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

**Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**

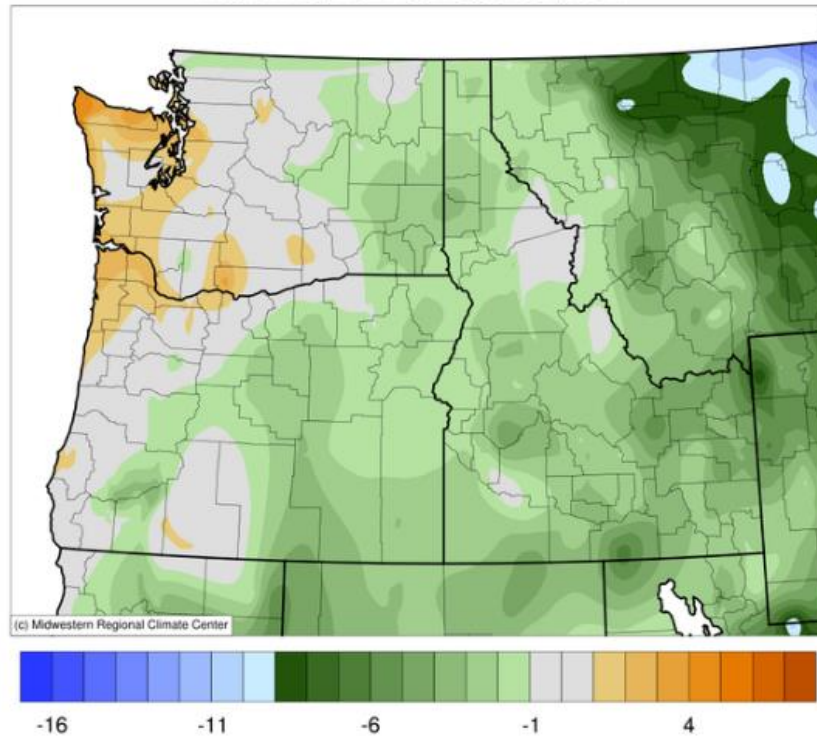
October 01, 2023 to March 31, 2024



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**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**

March 25, 2024 to March 31, 2024



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