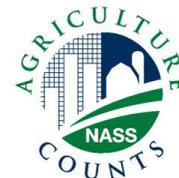


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Weather: Autumn conditions continued with mild temperatures, rain, and falling leaves. High temperatures ranged from 71 degrees in Christmas Valley, Lakeview and Lorella, down to 53 degrees in Parkdale. Lows ranged from 14 degrees in Christmas Valley, up to 41 degrees in Florence. All stations but one reported measurable rainfall this week, led by Detroit Lake with 3.99 inches. Parkdale reported 3.02 inches. All Coastal and Willamette Valley stations reported more than an inch of rain, although only three stations in the rest of Oregon accumulated more than half an inch.

Field Crops: Field work was slowed in many areas of the State as fall rain showers became heavy late last week. Some farmers were wrapping up the last of the fall planting, while others have begun winterizing in between rain showers. Grass seed was burned and clover was reported to be established in the Willamette Valley. Winter wheat plantings were nearly complete and emergence progressed to over fifty percent.

Vegetables: Farm stands have closed down, but farmers markets continued to have fresh vegetables available. Plenty of tomatoes

were still green and ripening each week. The pumpkin harvest was good and the cabbage harvest continued.

Fruits and Nuts: Hazelnut harvest was completed. A few late varieties of apples remained to be harvested, while fall copper sprays were being applied to apples and pears where the harvest had finished. Orchard, vineyard and berry crops had all lost their leaves for the winter. The Douglas County wine grape crop reportedly had a lower than average yield and quality issues that were related to the extreme heat in July and August.

Nurseries and Greenhouses: Christmas tree harvest picked up this week in Clackamas County, although nursery activity was generally low. Nurseries were selling fall-planted trees and shrubs, while greenhouses were working on maintenance and preparing holiday season plants. Large balled and burlapped trees were being shipped.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: Conditions were good for fall grass growth. Some cattle were receiving supplemental feed, and others were on cut hay fields. Cattle were being rounded up and spring calves were being sold.

Soil Moisture - Week Ending 11/08/09

	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	5	12	69	14
Subsoil	13	30	49	8

Crop Progress - Week Ending 11/08/09

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter wheat planted	97	90	93	96
Winter wheat emerged	67	55	47	69
Days suitable for fieldwork	4.6	4.1	3.7	4.8

Crop Condition - Week Ending 11/08/09

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter wheat	0	0	45	47	8
Range and pasture	10	21	40	29	0

Western Oregon

BENTON/LANE/LINN: The Willamette Valley experienced heavy rains most of last week, which stalled field work for several days. Most of the farmers had completed their fall planting and the crops were coming up and looking good. Hazelnut and walnut harvests were done, though a few stragglers were getting a few more nuts. The pumpkin harvest was good. Some late apples were still being picked, along with blueberries, raspberries and a few winter pears. Cherries, strawberries, peaches, and prunes were mostly all done. Garlic planting started. Lots of tomatoes were still green but more ripen each week. Many farm stands have closed down. Farmers markets were slowing down with the cold and rain, although they still had an array of fresh and local vegetables available. Grass seed fields were being burned, plowed and planted. Many fields were re-growing after burning and the fall rains. Greenhouses were shutting down.

CLACKAMAS: Weather was fair the first four days of the week. Also, the first real frost came on Monday. It became very wet from Thursday on. There will probably be no more tillage or seeding anytime soon. Christmas tree harvest was a major activity. Nursery activity was still much below normal.

COOS/CURRY: There was more rain and no cold weather yet, but provided ideal growing conditions for pasture grass. The low temperatures were slightly above the 5-year average in southern Curry, but about 3 degrees below the 5-year average in Coos County. High temperatures through the week were about 2 degrees above the 5-year average in southern Curry and over 6 degrees above the 5-year average in Coos. Cranberry harvest was winding down and ranchers were preparing for winter operations. Bandon (Coos & Northern Curry): The low temperature for the period was 40.45 degrees, 3.09 degrees below the 5-year average. The high temperature for the period was 69.37 degrees, 6.11 degrees above the 5-year average. Precipitation for the period was 1.35 inches, 1.63 inches below the 5-year (including drought in 2004 & 2005) average for the week. Precipitation for the Current weather year (began 10/09) stands at 4.84 inches, 4.2 inches below the 5 year average. Bandon ended the last weather year (9/30/09) 18.09 inches below the historical average. Historical average precipitation through November is 13.44 inches. Brookings (Southern Curry): The low temperature for the period was 45.4 degrees, 0.8 degrees above the 5-year average. The high temperature for the period was 68.2 degrees, 1.51 degrees above the 5-year average. Precipitation for the period was 1.79 inches, compared to a 5-year (including drought in 2004 & 2005) average of 4.64 inches. Precipitation for Current weather year precipitation (began 10/08) stands at 4.78 inches, 5.97 inches below the 5 year average. Brookings ended the last weather year (9/30/09) 1.46 inches below the historical average. Historical average precipitation through November is 15.8 inches.

DOUGLAS: Additional rain fell late this week. Most growers

were able to do considerable field work early in the week. Orchard, vineyard, and berry crops had all lost their leaves and are now hardening off for winter. Pastures and field crops were looking better with fall rain. Some feedback on wine grape crop suggested that lower yields and a few quality issues will keep this area from having an excellent vintage. It looks more like an average quality year, not outstanding like it was setting up to be. It seems the extreme heat in July-August caused vines to shut off for awhile making sugar accumulation difficult in late August-September.

JACKSON: Some field preparation was still being done for grains and cover crops. Fall grains were getting off to a fair start. Grape harvest continued, but was mostly done. All other fruit was done. There were still some late fall green crops being harvested for local markets, also some fall squash. Greenhouses were working on maintenance and some were also raising decorative plants for the holiday season. Nurseries were selling fall-planted trees and shrubs. Rains have given some pastures a start for fall grass, but not very much growth. Most cattle and other livestock were getting some supplemental feeding. Intermittent showers prevailed with some short breaks for sunshine. This delayed field work a few days. Cattle were being weaned for fall sales.

JOSEPHINE: The fall weather brought fog, sun, rain, and wind. Temperatures were very mild. Daytime temperatures ranged from 50-60 degrees, while nighttime temperatures were in the high 30s to lower 50s. Three inches of rain fell this week, one and a half inches over Thursday night and Friday morning, and another inch and a half Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Humidity was high this week. The last storm stripped most leaves and acorns off deciduous trees, while evergreens shed needles. Grape leaves were still hanging on.

MARION: November arrived with a couple sunny days and several days of rainfall. After Wednesday not much field work was done due to heavy rainfall.

WASHINGTON: Wheat was growing well. Clover was well established. Alfalfa re-growth was very strong. Dormant berries trained up; Filberts were good and walnuts were ready. Squash was done. Large balled and burlapped trees were being shipped. Livestock and pastures were doing well for fall season. Temperatures ranged from 36.1 degrees up to 56.9 degrees. Relative humidity ranged from 73 percent up to 94 percent.

YAMHILL: Hazelnut harvest was completed. Fall copper was being applied to apples and pears. Late winter veggies continued to be harvested (cabbage, processed) as the last of the harvests finished up. Lots of planting, spraying, and other ground work went on between rain storms.

Eastern Oregon

GILLIAM: Periods of light rain (less than ¼ inch each time) came later in the week. Warmer daytime temperatures should help germination of wheat recently seeded.

HARNEY: A weak weather system brought trace amounts of precipitation to parts of the County late last week. Most cattle have been gathered off the range and moved to rake-bunched fields or meadow hay aftermath. Some cattle were receiving supplemental feed. Spring calves were being shipped.

KLAMATH: Cold temperatures and some precipitation came through this week. Some fall field work was done as the season was winding down.

LAKE: Morning temperatures were in the teens.

SHERMAN: First rain shower of November came late in the week. Most wheat planting was done, although there were some fallow fields being saved specifically for spring seeding. Range was short on grass for livestock. Hay prices were down but so were cattle prices. The price squeeze will make for extra burdens on stock over winter.

WASCO: Rain was recorded several days this week improving top soil moisture. Nighttime temperatures ranged from low thirties to fifty degrees, while daytime temperatures ranged from the mid-forties to high fifties. Winter wheat germination has been slow. Winterizing occurred in most farms and orchards, while entertainment included elk hunting. Cattle and calves continued to be rounded up for feeder calf sales. Hay supplies were adequate.

Weather data for selected stations in Oregon, Week ending: November 8, 2009 (as of 11:00 am) ¹

Station	Air temperature ²				Growing degree days ³		Last week precip. ⁴			Season cum. precipitation ⁵			
	Low	High	Avg.	DFN ⁶	Total	DFN ⁶	Total inches	DFN ⁶	Days ⁷	Total inches	DFN ⁶	Pct. normal	Days ⁷
COASTAL AREAS													
Astoria/Clatsop	37	64	52	+4	18	+11	2.70	0.61	4	13.88	2.88	126	32
Bandon ⁸	40	69	54	+3	26	+9	1.35	-0.51	4	5.93	-1.97	75	37
Crescent City	41	67	54	+2	28	+4	1.39	-0.77	3	4.64	-4.40	51	22
Florence	35	68	52	+2	16	+2	3.62	1.27	4	13.79	2.74	125	26
North Bend	37	68	52	+1	22	+1	1.32	-0.75	4	7.88	-0.84	90	29
Tillamook	34	70	52	+3	16	+9	2.96	0.26	4	10.30	-3.63	74	30
WILLAMETTE VALLEY													
Aurora ⁸	34	64	49	+2	1	-6	2.58	1.35	4	7.54	1.15	118	31
Corvallis	33	59	47	-1	-	-7	2.52	1.17	5	6.49	0.35	106	31
Detroit Lake ⁸	32	63	45	+4	-	+0	3.99	1.86	4	16.15	6.58	169	28
Eugene	32	61	48	-1	3	-7	1.39	-0.26	4	5.36	-1.58	77	26
Hillsboro	29	64	47	+0	1	-6	2.42	1.28	4	7.22	1.60	128	29
McMinnville	29	64	47	-1	-	-7	2.44	1.13	4	4.49	-1.84	71	19
Portland	35	62	51	+3	12	+0	1.80	0.74	4	6.25	0.64	111	34
Salem	33	63	49	+2	5	-2	2.48	1.22	4	6.29	0.34	106	25
SW VALLEYS													
Grants Pass	39	62	50	+1	5	-7	0.59	-0.47	3	3.44	-1.08	76	21
Medford	32	66	49	+2	3	-5	0.19	-0.45	2	0.93	-2.14	30	15
Roseburg	37	64	52	+3	17	+3	0.47	-0.67	4	4.08	-0.70	85	25
NORTH CENTRAL													
Condon	26	63	40	-1	-	-6	0.23	-0.16	3	2.65	0.48	122	17
Echo ⁸	24	61	42	-3	-	-7	0.08	-0.18	2	1.52	0.19	114	15
Heppner	28	61	43	-2	-	-7	0.11	-0.25	1	1.58	-0.67	70	14
Hermiston	23	61	42	-4	-	-7	0.05	-0.21	1	1.75	0.42	132	12
Madras ⁸	25	57	41	-3	-	-7	0.09	-0.22	3	1.35	-0.22	86	13
Moro	24	64	41	-2	1	-5	0.19	-0.14	3	2.24	0.58	135	15
Parkdale ⁸	27	53	40	-5	-	-7	3.02	2.03	4	7.64	3.19	172	25
Pendleton	26	59	43	-3	-	-7	0.08	-0.24	1	1.53	-0.28	85	10
Prairie City ⁸	25	57	41	-3	-	-7	0.09	-0.22	3	1.35	-0.22	86	13
The Dalles	28	61	44	+2	1	-6	0.48	0.14	3	1.50	-0.24	86	17
SOUTH CENTRAL													
Agency Lake ⁸	16	64	40	+2	1	+1	0.25	-0.24	3	0.86	-1.67	34	8
Bend	22	61	42	+1	-	+0	1.05	0.76	1	1.70	0.25	117	4
Burns	17	65	40	+3	-	+0	0.03	-0.25	1	1.17	-0.43	73	14
Christmas Valley ⁸	14	71	40	-2	3	+3	0.05	-0.30	1	0.43	-1.52	22	8
Klamath Falls	20	70	43	+3	1	+1	0.11	-0.30	1	0.43	-1.64	21	5
Klamath Falls ⁸	19	70	43	+2	1	+1	0.12	-0.29	2	0.44	-1.63	21	7
Lakeview	16	71	41	+2	-	+0	0.18	-0.27	2	0.92	-1.42	39	10
Lorella ⁸	15	71	43	+2	1	+1	0.21	-0.20	1	0.85	-1.22	41	7
Redmond	19	65	40	-2	-	+0	0.08	-0.17	2	1.01	-0.22	82	8
Worden ⁸	17	69	42	+2	-	+0	0.10	-0.31	2	0.48	-1.59	23	8
NORTHEAST													
Baker City	18	63	40	+2	-	+0	0.07	-0.14	2	1.38	-0.23	86	16
Joseph	20	65	39	+3	-	+0	0.30	-0.31	3	2.94	-0.97	75	18
La Grande	21	68	44	+3	10	+5	0.17	-0.27	2	2.00	-0.75	73	13
Union	21	62	42	+0	5	-1	0.29	0.01	3	2.24	-0.12	95	16
SOUTHEAST													
Ontario	27	59	42	+0	-	+0	-	-0.25	-	1.35	-0.07	95	11
Rome	22	66	44	+3	1	+1	0.09	-0.09	1	0.88	-0.46	66	9

¹ Summary based on NWS data. Copyright 2009: AWIS, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

² Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

³ Growing degree days base-50 degrees Fahrenheit.

⁴ Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

⁵ Season cumulative precipitation starts September 1, 2009.

⁶ DFN=Departure from normal (using 1961-1990 normals period).

⁷ Precipitation days = Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more.

⁸ Agri-Met weather stations.