



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Mild Rain Relief Delivered for Idaho

Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.1. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 1% very poor, 12% poor, 30% fair, 42% good, and 15% excellent. Low temperatures were reported at 43 degrees in the south central region and a high temperature of 102 degrees in the northern region with a statewide temperature differential of 4 degrees below normal to 11 degrees above normal. Select crops exhibited slight status increases during the reporting week while the overall condition trended downward. Crops in reporting areas were noted as responding well to the cooler weather. Pasture conditions improved from the previous week. While the topsoil moisture did not see much change, the subsoil moisture was better due to the rains experienced toward the end of the week throughout the state. The southern region wheat and barley harvests were slowed by thunderstorms and rain but the harvests were in full swing. The heavy precipitation knocked down some mature wheat fields. The rain and cooler weather were welcomed by the southeast and reduced the stress in dryland crops. The second cutting of hay continued. Cattle and range conditions looked better from the moisture. Northern Idaho received less rain than the south but they were still very grateful and benefitted from the much cooler temperatures. Idaho crops appear to be in good shape with few losses reported.

## The Need for Irrigation was the Theme in Washington

Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 3% very poor, 25% poor, 45% fair and 27% good. In western Washington, crops continued to show heat stress while soil and pasture conditions continued to suffer due to lack of rain throughout the district. Lack of water for late season irrigation and flood harvesting were of great concern for cranberry producers. Blueberry and raspberry harvests were in full swing. Some crop damage was reported due to excessive heat conditions coupled with the lack of precipitation. Berries were smaller, while some were drying on the plant. Reports indicated the corn crop was growing significantly fast and pumpkins were in full bloom. Central Washington described hot and dry conditions prevailed with some scattered showers throughout the district. Some counties reported lower temperatures, but there was still need for precipitation throughout the district. Dryland harvest began. Winter canola yields were reported lower than previous years due to mild winter conditions. A wildfire was reported in Douglas County with approximately 22,000 acres of CRP acreage, pasture and livestock fencing that were lost. The fire was not yet contained at time of publication. Grain elevators were busy with trucks coming and going. Orchardist and grape growers reported crops were being sun burned and plants demonstrated heat stress. Growers reported difficulty keeping trees and vines growing, which increased the demand for irrigation. Picking crews started early and quit by mid-day while temperatures continued to soar. Bartlett pear crop was beginning to size up and apple thinning continued. Peach and nectarine harvest began while apricot harvest began to slow down. Vegetables continued to come into stands including summer squashes cucumbers, peppers, sweet corn, green beans and blueberries. Everyone was on alert for brushfires and experienced hazy conditions throughout the state. Junior water right producers in Yakima County reported crop loss; most reports were of corn acreage. Hot and dry conditions persisted throughout east central Washington. Winter wheat harvest was in full swing throughout the district. Due to extreme weather conditions yields were expected to be below average. Cherry harvest was completed and fresh pea harvest began to wind down. Fields began to be prepped for double cropping. Hot dry weather conditions pushed Lincoln County into a drought with most pasture ground left with very little forage on it. Southeastern Washington continued to have hot and dry weather conditions with scattered showers near the end of week. Winter wheat harvest was in full swing. Concerns of spring wheat conditions were reported for the district.

## Wheat Harvest Was In Full Swing in Oregon

There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 5% very poor, 34% poor, 44% fair, 16% good, and 1% excellent. In the northwest region, Columbia County reported that some areas were stretching irrigation water. The cool down helped blueberry and vegetable quality. Most pastures were almost brown unless they were irrigated or cut very early for hay. In Washington County, grass seed and small acreage wheat harvest was underway. Field corn was growing extra fast. Many fruits and vegetables were available at farmer's markets. Nursery potted and planted trees and shrubs were irrigated and cover crops were doing well and survived the heat wave. In Yamhill County, grass seed harvest was going strong. All other crops were doing well. In the north central region, hot temperatures prevailed through most of the week in Hood River County. Cherry harvest was in full swing in the middle and upper Hood River Valley. In Sherman County, wheat harvest was running approximately two weeks earlier than usual and some growers were completely finished with harvest. In Wasco County, wheat harvest was in full swing. In the northeast region, Baker County reported thunderstorms and large amounts of rain ranging from 2 – 6 inches. Heavy rains laid some wheat fields down. In Umatilla County, wheat harvest was in full swing. In the southeast region, Crook County reported swathing and harvesting of grass seed was underway, winter wheat had turned color, and growers were on the second cutting of alfalfa. Some precipitation was reported. Most carrot fields looked excellent. Some grass is still on the range, but watering livestock was the biggest problem. In Harney County, thunderstorms with significant amounts of rain were reported. Haying was impacted. Range and pasture conditions improved. Lake County also reported significant amounts of precipitation during the week. Some areas reported mud slides due to the volume of rain in a very short period of time. Many producers with grass hay down were still waiting for it to cure. In the Southwest Region, Coos County reported continued dry weather conditions. Concerns over water continued. Water levels in creeks and rivers were at late summer levels. Dry grass hay was being cut. Pastures were being irrigated where possible. Fruit crops looked good. In Douglas County, irrigation was still a primary concern for fruit and vegetable crops due to the extreme heat. Present river flows were at August levels. Most berry and cherry crops were in the final week of harvest. Raspberry and blueberry crops didn't size well. Insect and disease issues were reduced due to the hot weather. Hay crops were almost all baled and ready for storage. Grain crops were drying fast. Orchard and vineyard crops continued to look very good. Some sunburn was reported on apples and wine grapes, but most looked good.

## Soil Moisture and Irrigation Water Supply — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 07/12/15

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Topsoil moisture</b>				
Idaho .....	14	33	48	5
Oregon .....	20	49	30	1
Washington.....	22	41	37	-
<b>Subsoil moisture</b>				
Idaho .....	11	33	54	2
Oregon .....	23	52	25	-
Washington.....	17	47	36	-

- Represents zero.

## Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 07/12/15

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Winter wheat</b>					
Idaho .....	-	11	34	43	12
Oregon .....	12	19	41	24	4
Washington.....	4	15	49	31	1
<b>Spring wheat</b>					
Idaho .....	-	3	21	54	22
Oregon .....	4	13	32	46	5
Washington.....	4	22	45	27	2
<b>Barley</b>					
Idaho .....	-	1	10	55	34
Oregon .....	-	3	28	63	6
Washington.....	3	14	48	35	-
<b>Potatoes</b>					
Idaho .....	-	1	9	68	22
Oregon .....	-	-	40	60	-
Washington.....	-	8	12	73	7
<b>Corn</b>					
Idaho .....	-	-	7	77	16
Oregon .....	-	-	32	55	13
Washington.....	-	1	52	38	9
<b>Oats</b>					
Idaho .....	-	1	15	70	14
Oregon .....	-	-	15	79	6
Washington.....	-	9	63	28	-
<b>Onions</b>					
Idaho .....	-	-	86	14	-
Oregon .....	-	-	22	70	8
Washington.....	-	2	13	69	16

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**Weekly Weather Statistics — Idaho: July 6 - July 12, 2015**

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation			
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days
					Total	DFN							
<b>NORTH</b>													
Coeur d' Alene .....	56	95	74	+7	170	+47	0.34	+0.10	2	20.99	-3.35	86	106
Fenn .....	56	100	76	+8	182	+46	0.53	+0.15	2	29.54	-7.38	80	130
Lewiston .....	65	102	82	+11	228	+71	0.02	-0.17	1	10.58	-1.03	91	89
Bonnars Ferry .....	55	96	74	+9	171	+58	0.25	+0.00	2	20.33	+0.41	102	95
Nezperce .....	50	89	70	+7	138	+46	1.07	+0.78	3	17.76	-0.82	96	141
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>													
Boise .....	57	95	74	+1	173	+6	1.68	+1.58	6	17.10	+5.40	146	158
Emmett .....	54	98	75	+3	180	+17	0.89	+0.82	4	13.74	+0.43	103	82
Glenns Ferry .....	54	95	74	+2	171	+9	0.10	+0.03	3	7.97	-1.32	86	97
Grand View .....	55	96	75	+2	174	+13	0.08	+0.01	4	6.48	-0.28	96	85
Nampa .....	57	93	74	+3	168	+20	0.42	+0.35	4	10.40	+0.89	109	102
Parma .....	57	97	75	+4	177	+26	0.95	+0.88	1	9.65	-0.90	91	81
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>													
Fairfield .....	43	86	65	+0	110	+1	0.63	+0.49	5	14.05	-0.04	100	117
Malta .....	51	92	69	+1	132	+7	0.15	-0.06	4	12.34	+2.51	126	100
Picabo .....	45	89	68	+4	126	+25	0.35	+0.21	5	19.38	+7.08	158	93
Rupert .....	51	90	69	-2	133	-4	0.26	+0.14	3	7.58	-1.68	82	92
Twin Falls .....	53	90	70	+3	145	+17	0.07	+0.00	3	8.68	-1.78	83	82
<b>EAST</b>													
Aberdeen .....	48	86	67	+0	118	+3	0.13	-0.01	4	6.53	-1.80	78	65
Ashton .....	43	82	63	-1	92	-1	0.11	-0.17	2	15.64	-2.72	85	114
Fort Hall .....	46	89	67	+2	123	+13	0.39	+0.24	5	8.53	-2.31	79	99
Idaho Falls .....	48	85	67	-2	118	-6	0.24	+0.10	5	9.70	-0.21	98	76
Lava Hot Springs .....	49	84	67	+1	125	+4	0.72	+0.51	5	15.97	+1.15	108	85
Monteview .....	45	82	64	-4	103	-17	0.36	+0.15	4	5.90	-2.46	71	52
Preston .....	52	85	69	+1	135	+5	0.40	+0.19	5	14.49	-0.17	99	81
Rexburg .....	44	84	65	-1	106	-2	0.23	+0.02	2	11.54	-1.08	91	114

**Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 07/12/15**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat headed .....	91	84	93	73
Winter wheat harvested .....	7	3	3	1
Barley headed .....	95	81	95	76
Barley harvested .....	1	(NA)	-	-
Oats harvested .....	2	(NA)	-	(NA)
Dry peas harvested .....	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting .....	49	29	36	26

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## Weekly Weather Statistics — Washington: July 6 - July 12, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation			
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days
					Total	DFN							
<b>WEST</b>													
Bellingham.....	58	78	66	+5	115	+31	0.04	-0.31	1	30.89	-3.34	90	129
Everett.....	56	79	67	+5	122	+31	0.00	-0.33	0	29.63	-5.84	84	138
Hoquiam.....	56	70	63	+4	93	+26	0.08	-0.23	2	59.67	-6.79	90	141
Kelso.....	58	90	72	+9	153	+55	0.04	-0.22	2	35.76	-10.47	77	128
Olympia.....	53	87	68	+7	129	+44	0.02	-0.19	1	42.75	-6.53	87	132
Sea-Tac.....	57	85	70	+6	138	+35	0.00	-0.21	0	34.86	-0.79	98	134
Shelton.....	55	86	67	+4	120	+23	0.03	-0.19	2	58.26	-5.62	91	136
Tacoma.....	54	88	69	+5	132	+33	0.00	-0.22	0	32.35	-6.56	83	133
Vancouver.....	59	91	73	+6	162	+40	0.00	-0.19	0	31.15	-4.61	87	130
<b>CENTRAL</b>													
Ellensburg.....	60	104	80	+14	215	+97	0.00	-0.08	0	7.75	-0.80	91	69
Omak.....	57	102	79	+10	206	+64	0.05	-0.16	1	11.77	+0.02	100	75
Stampede Pass.....	50	82	64	+9	97	+54	0.00	-0.48	0	44.86	-36.15	55	123
Wenatchee.....	65	103	84	+12	236	+79	0.14	+0.07	1	7.28	-0.70	91	67
Yakima AP.....	56	103	81	+14	221	+92	0.00	-0.07	0	6.79	-1.01	87	59
<b>NORTHEAST</b>													
Colville.....	57	101	78	+12	199	+84	0.02	-0.26	1	16.27	-3.94	81	99
Deer Park.....	52	97	72	+8	158	+50	0.02	-0.31	1	17.00	-7.49	69	99
Kettle Falls.....	56	98	76	+8	183	+53	0.06	-0.33	1	15.17	-3.60	81	106
Spokane.....	60	97	77	+10	191	+68	0.19	-0.02	1	13.29	-2.30	85	93
<b>EAST CENTRAL</b>													
Ephrata.....	59	102	82	+9	225	+58	0.01	-0.13	1	7.10	-0.14	98	58
Lind.....	55	99	79	+10	208	+68	0.05	-0.09	1	7.52	-1.85	80	66
Moses Lake.....	58	103	80	+7	216	+49	0.00	-0.14	0	6.10	-1.14	84	57
Quincy.....	60	100	81	+10	216	+70	0.04	-0.03	1	8.47	+1.01	114	45
Ritzville.....	58	100	78	+11	199	+73	0.00	-0.14	0	10.38	-1.17	90	78
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>													
Hanford.....	62	106	85	+10	249	+65	0.05	-0.02	1	5.03	-1.47	77	55
Lake Bryan Rice.....	62	105	83	+14	230	+96	0.01	-0.13	1	14.02	+0.04	100	92
Pasco.....	60	104	82	+9	226	+55	0.00	-0.04	0	5.61	-1.85	75	60
Pullman.....	49	98	75	+11	175	+72	0.00	-0.21	0	17.76	-1.93	90	97
Silcott Island.....	65	104	82	+11	228	+71	0.51	+0.32	2	8.69	-2.92	75	82
Walla Walla.....	65	103	84	+10	237	+67	0.00	-0.17	0	14.35	-5.28	73	87
Whitman Mission.....	57	102	79	+9	201	+62	0.00	-0.14	0	12.24	-1.30	90	99

## Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 07/12/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat harvested.....	11	2	3	1
Barley harvested.....	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn silked.....	10	(NA)	25	10
Dry peas harvested.....	13	(NA)	14	4
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting.....	55	44	57	37

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## Weekly Weather Statistics — Oregon: July 6 - July 12, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation			
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days
					Total	DFN							
<b>COASTAL AREAS</b>													
Astoria .....	55	72	63	+4	96	+29	0.01	-0.29	1	57.96	-7.37	89	151
Bandon .....	54	68	61	+3	77	+15	0.00	-0.12	0	53.93	-4.09	93	145
Florence.....	54	71	61	+3	81	+17	0.02	-0.23	1	69.82	-1.63	98	142
North Bend.....	55	72	62	+4	85	+22	0.00	-0.14	0	44.21	-19.11	70	119
Tillamook .....	55	72	64	+6	98	+42	0.01	-0.44	1	53.87	-34.30	61	146
<b>WILLAMETTE VALLEY</b>													
Aurora.....	55	91	72	+6	152	+41	0.00	-0.18	0	33.76	-7.40	82	141
Corvallis.....	50	91	69	+3	133	+23	0.00	-0.14	0	34.27	-8.38	80	152
Detroit Lake .....	56	98	72	+8	156	+56	0.21	-0.10	2	55.53	-29.84	65	133
Eugene.....	53	93	70	+5	142	+33	0.04	-0.10	1	30.71	-18.83	62	130
Hillsboro.....	55	92	71	+5	150	+32	0.00	-0.14	0	30.58	-6.40	83	125
McMinnville .....	53	92	70	+5	144	+33	0.00	-0.14	0	34.33	-6.62	84	131
Portland .....	59	92	73	+7	163	+41	0.00	-0.19	0	30.33	-5.43	85	126
Salem .....	56	92	72	+7	155	+43	0.00	-0.15	0	34.00	-5.05	87	120
<b>SOUTHWESTERN VALLEYS</b>													
Grants Pass.....	61	103	79	+11	202	+72	0.78	+0.70	1	25.46	-4.92	84	107
Medford .....	62	101	76	+5	183	+31	0.29	+0.22	2	16.24	-1.42	92	92
Roseburg .....	59	95	74	+5	171	+35	0.00	-0.13	0	26.41	-6.37	81	105
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>													
Condon .....	49	95	75	+10	173	+66	0.00	-0.14	0	8.12	-5.52	60	69
Echo .....	58	103	80	+8	214	+56	0.01	-0.06	1	6.13	-3.84	61	94
Heppner.....	52	96	77	+9	192	+61	0.25	+0.18	1	9.06	-4.41	67	84
Hermiston .....	60	102	81	+9	220	+62	0.01	-0.06	1	5.84	-4.13	59	68
Madras.....	50	97	72	+7	155	+42	0.52	+0.38	2	8.47	-2.72	76	91
Moro .....	56	98	76	+11	186	+71	0.03	-0.04	1	8.09	-2.77	74	80
Parkdale .....	54	98	72	+10	156	+62	0.00	-0.07	0	33.91	+3.10	110	126
Pendleton .....	57	100	80	+9	211	+59	0.00	-0.10	0	9.97	-2.02	83	88
Prairie City.....	47	92	69	+9	131	+58	1.05	+0.84	4	16.16	-3.43	82	131
The Dalles .....	65	103	82	+9	226	+60	0.00	-0.07	0	10.70	-3.21	77	74
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>													
Agency Lake.....	52	98	72	+10	155	+72	0.19	+0.12	3	20.26	+1.44	108	89
Bend .....	51	96	71	+9	149	+61	0.72	+0.58	4	11.02	+0.29	103	57
Burns .....	48	93	68	+4	128	+22	0.13	+0.02	4	9.03	-0.90	91	74
Christmas Valley.....	47	93	65	+4	108	+20	1.23	+1.09	5	8.90	-1.53	85	101
Klamath Falls.....	49	90	67	+3	122	+18	0.50	+0.43	4	13.43	+2.24	120	81
Lakeview.....	46	89	64	-3	102	-14	0.28	+0.14	3	10.69	-4.11	72	95
Lorella.....	48	91	67	+3	119	+19	0.58	+0.51	4	14.14	+3.58	134	92
Redmond.....	44	95	70	+5	140	+30	0.42	+0.30	5	9.17	+1.54	120	76
Worden.....	44	91	66	+1	111	+7	1.47	+1.40	5	15.61	+4.42	139	95
<b>NORTHEAST</b>													
Baker City.....	45	92	68	+3	127	+18	2.49	+2.33	4	9.40	+0.05	101	75
Joseph.....	52	90	70	+7	139	+45	0.55	+0.25	3	9.85	-8.05	55	66
La Grande.....	54	95	72	+5	159	+33	0.70	+0.53	4	10.51	-5.73	65	89
Imbler.....	51	94	71	+6	147	+41	0.45	+0.24	3	17.56	-5.60	76	135
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>													
Ontario.....	56	97	77	+3	188	+15	0.17	+0.10	3	9.36	+0.37	104	77
Rome.....	52	94	71	+3	152	+16	0.25	+0.12	4	8.58	-0.24	97	62

Summary based on NWS data.

Season cumulative precipitation starts: September 1, 2014.

DFN = Departure from normal.

NA = Data not available.

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

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

Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

Normals period 1971-2000 used in DFN calculations.

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	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat harvested .....	25	5	5	4
Barley headed .....	100	93	99	88
Oats harvested .....	7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting.....	100	94	96	95
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting .....	36	18	25	15

(NA) Not available.

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