



# Crop Progress and Condition



## NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

United States Department of Agriculture • Washington, DC 20250

Northwest Regional Field Office • Olympia, WA 98507

Ag Statistics Hotline: 1-800-727-9540 • [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov)

Released: August 31, 2015  
Week Ending: August 30, 2015

### In Cooperation with...

- Cooperative Extension Service, Washington State University
- Cooperative Extension Service, University of Idaho
- Idaho State Department of Agriculture
- Oregon State Department of Agriculture
- USDA, Farm Service Agency

### Regional Contacts

Phone: 1-800-435-5883

Email: [nassrfonwr@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nassrfonwr@nass.usda.gov)

- Washington – Christopher Mertz, NW Regional Director
- Idaho – Vince Matthews, State Statistician
- Oregon – Dave Losh, State Statistician
- Alaska – Sue Benz, State Statistician

## Idaho Harvests in Full Swing

Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 6% very poor, 21% poor, 32% fair, 33% good, and 8% excellent. Low temperatures were reported at 38 degrees in the eastern region and a high temperature of 101 degrees in the southwest region with a statewide temperature differential of 6 degrees below normal to 10 degrees above normal. The cereal harvests were winding down, and winter wheat planting just began. Southeastern Idaho had dry, warm weather which helped the farmers continue progress on the harvests, in full swing. The wheat and barley were coming in light weight. Most of the vines on the potatoes were killed, with more work expected. The potato harvest was expected to be a couple weeks away still. Cooler temperatures slowed the maturation of corn for silage and grain. The livestock were in very good condition. Southcentral Idaho beans were being cut, but very little had been combined yet. Farmers prepared for the early beet harvest expected to begin in the following week. Northern Idaho had slightly cooler weather this week, but with no measurable precipitation. The state dry pea harvest winded down. Some areas began a fourth cutting of alfalfa hay. Idaho crops remained in a good state as the harvest continued.

## Scattered Showers throughout Washington

There were 6.7 days suitable for work. Pasture conditions were reported as 28% very poor, 40% poor, 25% fair and 7% good. Western Washington received rain, and windy conditions prevailed near the end of the week. Wind storms raised trees, barns, and corn fields in Skagit County. Potato and corn for silage harvests continued throughout the week. One hundred twenty acres of timber were lost in the Tonasket Fire. Concerns for lack of water for cranberry harvest in the Long Beach area continued to be reported. Scattered showers were reported throughout central Washington. Showers were not enough to affect drought conditions. Fires continued to burn in Chelan County. Apple, wine grape, peach, nectarines, and Bartlett pear harvests continued throughout the district. Hop harvest started during the week. Vegetable production of melon, squashes, tomatoes and pepper harvests were in full swing. Cattle were moved to stubble fields. There were reports of loss to productive pasture and range due to hot summer prompting livestock producers to thin herds with winter soon approaching. Eastern Washington reported early fall weather conditions. Risk of mold in the bean crop decreased as temperatures decreased. There were reports of decreased air quality due to wildfires. Fourth cutting of hay continued along with storage onion, corn for silage, potato, apple and dry bean harvests. Small amounts of precipitation were received over the weekend that helped dryland wheat acreage. Much more rain was needed throughout the district. Southeastern Washington reported hot, dry, conditions and scattered showers. Pastures continued to dry up because of prevailing drought like conditions. No crop damage was reported.

## Little Rain Reported and Windy Conditions Fanned Wildfires in Oregon

There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 25% very poor, 39% poor, 30% fair, and 6% good. Rain and cooler temperatures brought relief to some areas of the state, but drought conditions prevailed. In the northwestern regions sweet corn harvest and ground tillage for fall crops continued. Corn silage harvest was to start soon. Field corn harvest began. Hazelnut orchard floor maintenance continued in preparation for an earlier than usual harvest. Apples, pears, prunes and peaches were picked, as well as some late blueberries, strawberries and raspberries. Fall apples were in need of cooler nights to ripen properly. Squash and pumpkins were suffering from bad powdery mildew. Fruit crops were damaged from the high temperatures in Linn and Benton Counties. Easterly breezes pushed wildfire smoke into the Hood River Valley resulting in poor air quality mid-week. Cooler temperatures and rain cleared the smoke late in the week. Winter pear harvest was underway and apple harvest started. Everything was starting early. Corn silage harvest began in Umatilla County. Many cattle ranchers were weaning calves early due to dry conditions and lack of pasture. Hot, dry conditions continued in Harney County for most of the week with temperatures cooling off significantly over the weekend. Unsettled weather brought very windy conditions over the weekend with gusts up to 30 mph fanning a nearly 20,000 acre growth in the Canyon Creek Wildfire Complex on Saturday. These conditions prompted more evacuations near Prairie City in Grant County. Most cattle were still turned out on rangeland pastures. However, the quality continued to decline. Haying operations continued on irrigated fields. Smoky conditions continued in Klamath County and temperatures dipped to near freezing in parts of the county over the weekend. Lake County received no precipitation and experienced windy conditions over the weekend. Nearly all of Coos County and the northern portion of Curry County remained in D3 drought conditions. Precipitation over the weekend brought some relief. Nearly an inch of rain fell in Bandon and Brookings. Water levels in creeks and rivers remained at or below normal late fall levels. Cattle continued to be shipped to feedlots earlier than usual due to lack of feed and water. Pastures remained where irrigation was possible. The low temperature in Coos County was 47 degrees with a high temperature of 72 degrees, while in southern Curry County the low was 50 degrees and the high was 74 degrees. The dry pattern continued in Douglas County. Tree fruit and vineyard harvests continued about two weeks ahead of normal. Dry farm grape crops were shriveling badly. Jackson County reported smoky conditions from fires in neighboring areas early in the week. Rain and wind moved in over the weekend. Some irrigation districts were running low on water for deliveries.

### Soil Moisture and Irrigation Water Supply — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/30/15

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	15	43	37	5
Oregon .....	38	48	14	-
Washington.....	34	39	26	1
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	11	48	41	-
Oregon .....	39	47	14	-
Washington.....	29	53	18	-

- Represents zero.

### Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/30/15

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Potatoes					
Idaho .....	1	9	18	58	14
Oregon .....	-	2	34	55	9
Washington.....	1	2	24	62	11
Corn					
Idaho .....	-	-	11	82	7
Oregon .....	1	1	37	54	7
Washington.....	2	4	49	37	8
Onions					
Idaho .....	-	-	42	58	-
Oregon .....	-	1	16	75	8
Washington.....	-	2	13	63	22

- Represents zero.

**Weekly Weather Statistics — Idaho: August 24 - August 30, 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 .....	55	93	71	+5	151	+31	0.05	-0.23	1	21.29	-4.74	82	111
Fenn .....	48	82	63	-6	93	-34	0.14	-0.23	1	30.58	-8.22	79	140
Lewiston .....	53	94	75	+5	177	+28	0.06	-0.15	1	10.64	-2.07	84	90
Bonnars Ferry .....	49	90	69	+5	133	+30	0.05	-0.23	1	20.88	-0.64	97	100
Nezperce .....	48	87	68	+5	124	+34	0.04	-0.24	1	19.19	-1.18	94	155
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>													
Boise .....	50	97	74	+3	167	+17	0.05	-0.03	3	18.02	+5.85	148	190
Emmett .....	52	98	75	+5	174	+31	0.04	-0.05	1	13.88	+0.09	101	88
Glenns Ferry .....	53	99	76	+7	182	+47	0.00	-0.07	0	8.59	-1.11	89	108
Grand View .....	50	101	75	+6	176	+41	0.01	-0.06	1	6.92	-0.18	97	92
Nampa .....	50	93	73	+5	160	+32	0.01	-0.06	1	10.78	+0.87	109	111
Parma .....	50	96	73	+5	163	+32	0.00	-0.14	0	10.12	-1.01	91	87
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>													
Fairfield .....	41	93	66	+4	117	+27	0.01	-0.13	1	14.62	-0.21	99	120
Malta .....	44	96	71	+6	146	+40	0.03	-0.18	1	13.24	+2.01	118	114
Picabo .....	50	96	72	+10	152	+66	0.00	-0.14	0	19.94	+7.05	155	100
Rupert .....	48	93	71	+5	146	+29	0.01	-0.11	1	8.83	-0.97	90	105
Twin Falls .....	49	93	71	+7	149	+42	0.00	-0.13	0	8.95	-2.02	82	90
<b>EAST</b>													
Aberdeen .....	48	95	71	+8	146	+53	0.09	-0.05	1	7.62	-1.54	83	76
Ashton .....	44	94	67	+7	122	+44	0.07	-0.21	2	17.13	-2.87	86	126
Fort Hall .....	47	97	71	+8	147	+54	0.17	-0.04	1	9.88	-2.08	83	110
Idaho Falls .....	45	97	70	+6	143	+40	0.18	-0.03	2	11.40	+0.41	104	86
Lava Hot Springs .....	41	93	68	+4	128	+27	0.17	-0.14	2	18.02	+1.11	107	100
Monteview .....	42	93	66	+3	113	+22	0.00	-0.14	0	7.35	-2.30	76	61
Preston .....	52	94	73	+8	165	+55	0.06	-0.22	1	16.25	+0.00	100	96
Rexburg .....	38	97	67	+5	122	+32	0.02	-0.19	2	12.72	-1.10	92	127

**Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 08/30/15**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested .....	92	84	55	59
Winter wheat planted .....	2	(NA)	-	-
Barley harvested .....	89	81	58	65
Oats harvested .....	95	90	74	68
Potatoes harvested .....	8	7	4	3
Field corn harvested for silage .....	13	5	21	6
Dry edible beans harvested .....	43	14	19	14
Onions harvested .....	55	45	-	15
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting .....	97	94	92	96
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting .....	62	59	55	51
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting .....	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

-Represents zero.  
(NA) Not available.

**Weekly Weather Statistics — Washington: August 24 - August 30, 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.....	48	80	64	+3	101	+17	0.80	+0.52	3	32.54	-3.66	90	138
Everett.....	54	80	65	+3	109	+20	0.81	+0.46	3	31.73	-5.76	85	148
Hoquiam.....	47	77	63	+3	90	+13	1.58	+1.16	3	61.60	-7.02	90	149
Kelso.....	48	86	68	+5	129	+29	1.07	+0.70	3	36.99	-10.97	77	134
Olympia.....	41	87	64	+3	101	+15	1.88	+1.56	3	45.66	-5.08	90	139
Sea-Tac.....	54	85	67	+3	117	+12	1.70	+1.42	3	38.23	+1.20	103	144
Shelton.....	38	88	64	+1	100	+3	2.36	+2.00	3	61.10	-4.53	93	144
Tacoma.....	43	85	64	+0	102	+4	1.70	+1.41	3	34.39	-6.07	85	140
Vancouver.....	50	89	70	+3	140	+16	0.54	+0.26	2	31.97	-5.06	86	137
<b>CENTRAL</b>													
Ellensburg.....	49	95	71	+6	150	+41	0.05	-0.06	2	7.81	-1.27	86	72
Omak.....	37	92	70	+2	142	+13	0.08	-0.06	1	12.14	-0.67	95	80
Stampede Pass.....	40	76	58	+3	61	+13	1.40	+0.74	3	47.71	-36.33	57	130
Wenatchee.....	58	95	75	+5	176	+30	0.02	-0.08	1	7.40	-1.09	87	69
Yakima AP.....	49	95	72	+7	157	+42	0.01	-0.11	1	6.86	-1.39	83	61
<b>NORTHEAST</b>													
Colville.....	47	91	69	+5	133	+28	0.12	-0.15	1	16.51	-5.35	76	104
Deer Park.....	27	94	64	+2	108	+15	0.32	+0.04	2	17.54	-8.83	67	104
Kettle Falls.....	47	91	68	+2	125	+7	0.18	-0.10	1	15.44	-5.45	74	109
Spokane.....	54	92	71	+5	149	+34	0.14	-0.05	2	13.49	-3.15	81	97
<b>EAST CENTRAL</b>													
Ephrata.....	37	93	71	-1	147	-5	0.09	+0.02	1	7.23	-0.45	94	60
Lind.....	51	93	72	+5	157	+28	0.06	-0.08	1	7.53	-2.41	76	66
Moses Lake.....	37	94	70	-3	141	-11	0.06	-0.01	2	6.16	-1.52	80	59
Quincy.....	52	94	72	+4	158	+23	0.09	+0.01	1	8.66	+0.72	109	47
Ritzville.....	50	94	72	+5	153	+33	0.00	-0.14	0	10.43	-1.86	85	79
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>													
Hanford.....	55	98	76	+2	183	+10	0.00	-0.07	0	5.03	-1.80	74	55
Lake Bryan Rice.....	54	98	75	+8	177	+56	0.21	+0.07	1	14.25	-0.40	97	95
Pasco.....	52	97	73	+1	163	+4	0.03	-0.07	1	5.64	-2.36	71	61
Pullman.....	48	93	71	+6	145	+40	0.07	-0.14	1	17.94	-3.04	86	101
Silcott Island.....	58	96	75	+5	178	+29	0.09	-0.12	2	8.87	-3.84	70	88
Walla Walla.....	57	94	77	+4	186	+25	0.16	-0.03	1	14.69	-6.17	70	91
Whitman Mission.....	43	94	70	+3	142	+19	0.00	-0.18	0	12.24	-2.19	85	99

**Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 08/30/15**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	9	(NA)	(NA)	5
Oats harvested.....	98	85	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes harvested.....	35	30	43	34
Field corn doughed.....	89	75	81	42
Field corn dented.....	29	15	21	15
Field corn harvested for silage.....	9	3	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans harvested.....	59	35	35	26
Dry peas harvested.....	99	93	95	76
Onions harvested.....	50	47	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	93	84	61	55
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	27	2	4	4

(NA) Not available.  
 -Represents zero.

## Weekly Weather Statistics — Oregon: August 24 - August 30, 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 .....	46	74	62	+2	86	+16	1.16	+0.80	3	59.59	-7.48	89	162
Bandon .....	47	72	61	+3	78	+15	1.04	+0.76	2	55.27	-3.80	94	156
Florence.....	39	75	60	+0	74	-3	1.14	+0.81	3	71.23	-1.75	98	150
North Bend.....	46	76	64	+4	97	+27	0.01	-0.26	1	44.44	-19.95	69	124
Tillamook .....	41	79	63	+4	89	+27	0.82	+0.35	2	55.12	-35.20	61	154
<b>WILLAMETTE VALLEY</b>													
Aurora.....	49	89	69	+4	136	+25	0.91	+0.66	2	34.84	-7.49	82	146
Corvallis.....	46	90	67	+2	124	+12	0.34	+0.13	2	34.64	-8.98	79	155
Detroit Lake .....	49	93	68	+4	130	+25	0.79	+0.34	2	56.42	-30.65	65	137
Eugene.....	45	92	68	+4	130	+22	0.23	-0.05	2	30.95	-19.91	61	133
Hillsboro.....	46	88	67	+2	124	+7	0.55	+0.27	3	31.45	-6.70	82	130
McMinnville .....	46	88	68	+3	127	+15	0.70	+0.53	3	35.03	-6.60	84	134
Portland .....	55	89	71	+4	146	+22	0.54	+0.26	2	31.56	-5.47	85	133
Salem .....	51	90	69	+4	137	+25	0.71	+0.50	2	34.72	-5.25	87	123
<b>SOUTHWESTERN VALLEYS</b>													
Grants Pass.....	53	94	74	+8	172	+50	0.10	-0.04	1	25.56	-5.44	82	108
Medford .....	56	93	74	+4	170	+23	0.03	-0.11	1	16.40	-1.95	89	95
Roseburg .....	54	92	72	+4	159	+22	0.22	+0.02	2	26.65	-6.98	79	109
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>													
Condon .....	51	92	71	+8	147	+50	0.16	+0.02	2	8.44	-6.10	58	73
Echo .....	49	96	74	+4	167	+24	0.00	-0.11	0	6.22	-4.20	60	94
Heppner.....	53	91	72	+5	154	+31	0.00	-0.14	0	9.16	-5.02	65	85
Hermiston .....	51	96	73	+4	165	+22	0.01	-0.10	1	5.93	-4.49	57	70
Madras.....	51	91	69	+5	134	+28	0.00	-0.07	0	8.48	-3.54	71	92
Moro .....	52	93	72	+8	154	+46	0.09	-0.04	1	8.23	-3.18	72	83
Parkdale .....	53	90	72	+9	153	+61	0.51	+0.36	2	34.44	+3.13	110	129
Pendleton .....	48	94	73	+4	159	+20	0.01	-0.13	1	9.98	-2.76	78	89
Prairie City.....	41	89	63	+5	93	+27	0.01	-0.22	1	16.33	-4.64	78	136
The Dalles .....	59	97	76	+4	182	+24	0.03	-0.04	2	10.73	-3.53	75	76
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>													
Agency Lake.....	39	88	63	+3	90	+18	0.00	-0.14	0	20.54	+0.81	104	93
Bend .....	39	89	69	+8	131	+51	0.23	+0.10	2	11.45	-0.25	98	60
Burns .....	27	92	64	+4	102	+20	0.00	-0.14	0	9.54	-1.01	90	78
Christmas Valley.....	39	90	64	+4	98	+24	0.01	-0.13	1	9.66	-1.85	84	105
Klamath Falls.....	44	89	66	+4	111	+22	0.00	-0.14	0	14.00	+2.06	117	84
Lakeview.....	38	88	64	+0	98	+2	0.00	-0.14	0	11.75	-3.69	76	99
Lorella.....	38	91	64	+4	101	+21	0.01	-0.13	1	14.49	+3.23	129	96
Redmond.....	45	92	68	+4	125	+23	0.01	-0.06	1	9.19	+0.65	108	78
Worden.....	37	87	62	-1	87	-2	0.05	-0.09	1	16.54	+4.70	140	108
<b>NORTHEAST</b>													
Baker City.....	40	96	65	+2	108	+10	0.00	-0.21	0	9.53	-1.04	90	77
Joseph.....	46	93	69	+7	131	+44	0.04	-0.24	1	10.14	-9.62	51	73
La Grande.....	43	95	69	+3	136	+22	0.10	-0.11	1	10.79	-6.66	62	93
Imbler.....	40	94	66	+4	116	+20	0.04	-0.17	1	17.82	-6.44	73	142
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>													
Ontario.....	50	96	73	+4	163	+23	0.01	-0.06	1	9.67	+0.23	102	81
Rome.....	53	97	76	+11	185	+72	0.00	-0.14	0	8.80	-0.66	93	66

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.

For more weather information visit [www.awis.com](http://www.awis.com) or call 1-888-798-9955.

Copyright 2015 AWIS, Inc. All rights reserved

## Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 08/30/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Barley harvested.....	98	94	92	91
Oats harvested.....	97	94	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes harvested.....	47	35	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for silage.....	11	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans harvested.....	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Onions harvested.....	34	17	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	78	66	71	52
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	11	2	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

### Access to NASS Reports

For your convenience, you may access NASS reports and products the following ways:

- All reports are available electronically, at no cost, on the NASS web site <http://www.nass.usda.gov>
- Both national and state specific reports are available via a free e-mail subscription. To set-up this free subscription, visit <http://www.nass.usda.gov> and in the "Follow NASS" box under "Receive reports by Email," click on "National" or "State" to select the reports you would like to receive.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Agricultural Statistics Hotline at (800) 727-9540, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET, or e-mail: [nass@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass@nass.usda.gov).