



Crop Progress and Condition



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Minimal Planting Reported in Idaho

There were 2.8 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho last week. In general, very little field work was accomplished throughout most of the state. Several counties located in the northern and eastern portions of the state remained covered with several feet of snow. A few grain drills were reported in south central Idaho and potato planters entered some fields. Spring pastures started to green, but needed additional heat for growth. In southeast Idaho, some dry onions were planted. Camas County still had two feet of snow on the valley floor. The valley floor was still completely covered in snow near Bear Lake. Snow had just melted off most of the valley floor in Oneida County. There was still a lot of snow on the ground in Teton County as well.

Spring Planting Started to Pick Up some in Oregon

There were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week. The first full week of spring brought much needed heat units to much of the state. Planting progress had been slowed by a snowy winter, wet fields, and cooler temperatures. In the northern coastal regions, crops started to take off with warmer weather and fertilizer. Clean-up from the late February snowstorm continued for hazelnut producers. First application of fungicide was completed. Most grass seed fields received a second application of fertilizer and herbicides. In Polk County, early varieties of hazelnuts were breaking buds. Some fungal disease pressure was reported. Seeding started on several fresh produce farms for early vegetable crops such as lettuce, peas, radishes, carrots, and beets. Some winter grain was affected by geese and elk grazing. In north central Oregon, several crop producers waited another week to get equipment into the field. Pastures greened up as the snow melted. Calving continued as livestock conditions improved. Several livestock producers continued feeding hay on winter grounds. Cattle will be turned out when pastures dry. In northeastern Oregon, snow was off most fields. Winter canola was doing well. Winter wheat was topdressed. Glyphosate was applied on fields that will be spring cropped. Some sugarbeets and onions were seeded in the south central and south eastern portion of the state. Perennial crops started to green up. Hay was in short supply for many livestock producers in this part of the state. The typical irrigation turn-on date for this part of state was a few weeks away.

Snow Melted and Some Field Work Started in Washington

There were 4.7 days suitable for field work in Washington last week. Western Washington continued to warm up with a distinct lack of rain. Soil temperatures in the Puget Sound were still cold due to the cool nights. Field work was in full swing in Whatcom County. Conditions were dry enough to kick up dust during cultivation, while raspberries and blueberries were budding out. CSA farms had seeds started with some high tunnels planted. Fruit trees in San Juan County were in popcorn stage. Farmers held off planting in Skagit County. Vegetable transplanting was ahead of the curve, while warm crops were held off in Snohomish County. Snow cover receded on winter wheat land in Chelan and Douglas Counties. There was snow mold concern, but overall wheat conditions were good. Peas and canola survived the winter. Pastures were greening up. Calving wrapped up with some deaths due to cold conditions. Animals typically released onto pasture April 1 were held off in Chelan, Douglas, and Klickitat Counties due to concerns about grass tetany. Orchard clean-up continued with pruning and tree training. Northeastern Washington's snow melted, soil warmed, and mud flowed. Some calving issues were reported such as increased fee purchases and animal losses. Spring cereal seeding started in Adams County. Snow was mostly gone on the Palouse. Most spring field work was delayed due to wet fields. Warm weather helped livestock producers.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 03/31/19

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	-	2	60	38
Oregon.....	-	-	71	29
Washington.....	1	6	73	20
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	-	4	62	34
Oregon.....	-	4	74	22
Washington.....	1	7	80	12

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 03/31/19

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	10	17	23	42	8
Oregon.....	15	17	28	31	9
Washington.....	16	20	35	28	1
Winter wheat					
Idaho.....	-	3	50	37	10
Oregon.....	2	6	28	26	38
Washington.....	-	1	41	53	5

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 03/31/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	2	-	6	11
Barley planted.....	4	-	5	12
Oats planted.....	1	-	6	5
Potatoes planted.....	2	-	1	1
Sugarbeets planted.....	2	-	3	7
Onions planted.....	6	-	17	11

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 03/31/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	5	1	40	27
Barley planted.....	3	-	18	19
Oats planted.....	13	1	8	(NA)
Oats emerged.....	1	-	-	(NA)
Potatoes planted.....	13	-	10	(NA)
Sugarbeets planted.....	26	4	26	(NA)
Dry peas planted.....	2	-	10	(NA)
Onions planted.....	22	4	18	(NA)

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(NA) Not available.

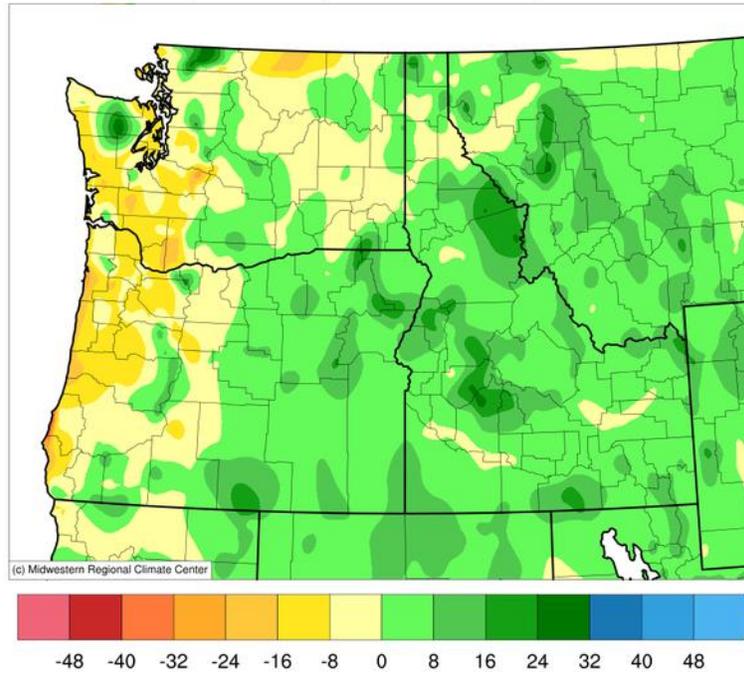
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 03/31/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	2	-	18	13
Barley planted.....	2	1	4	7
Oats planted.....	-	-	3	(NA)
Potatoes planted.....	7	1	13	(NA)
Sugarbeets planted.....	1	-	22	(NA)
Dry peas planted.....	1	-	9	(NA)
Onions planted.....	4	2	18	(NA)

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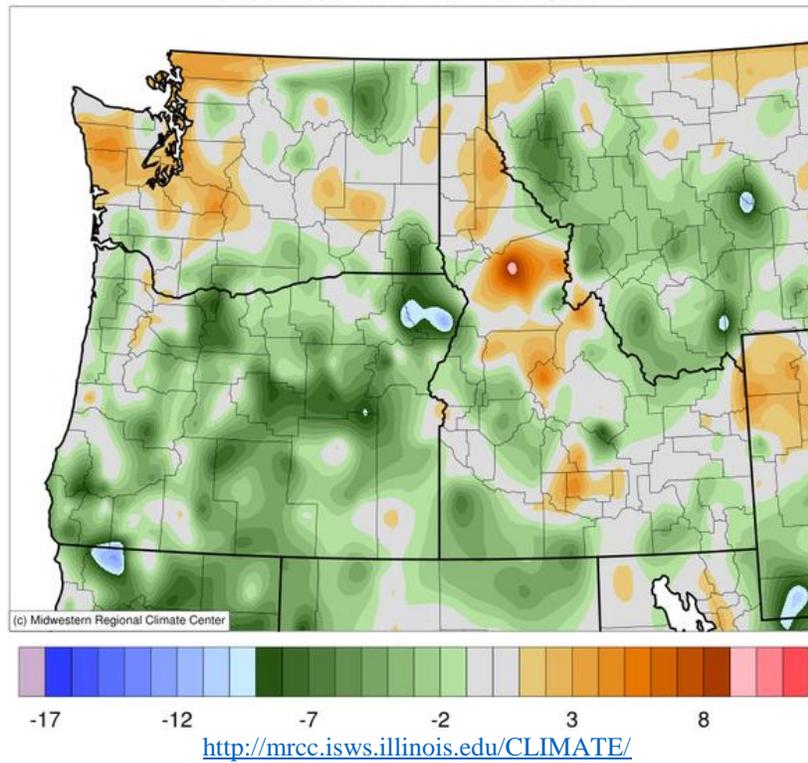
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

September 01, 2018 to March 31, 2019



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

March 25, 2019 to March 31, 2019



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