



Crop Progress and Condition



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Rain Provided Moisture in Northern Idaho

There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork, down from 6.9 days the previous week. In northern Idaho, warm sunny days for most of the week, without freezing temperatures, facilitated excellent grass growth. Rain toward the end of the week provided much needed moisture. In south central Idaho, harvest started on some high moisture grain corn. Sugarbeet harvest was well underway. Irrigation water was forecast to be turned off in the next few days, so the push was underway to finish winter cereal planting. A small amount of rain Saturday was likely a nuisance for bean and hay growers with crops still in the windrow, but insignificant otherwise. In southeast Idaho, very little rainfall was received during the last couple of months. Potato harvest went well, and did not have the struggles like last year with a severe cold front and freezing temperatures.

Much Needed Rains Arrived in Oregon

There were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, down from 6.5 the previous week. Benton, Lincoln, and Linn Counties reported receiving much needed rain, but were still in drought conditions. Harvest was complete for all grass seed, grain crops, and vegetables. Winter planting was finished and farmers applied lime and chemicals. Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties received more intense rain cycles and cooler weather. Winter planting and preparation was underway in nursery, small fruit, grain, and seed farms. Vegetable harvest was winding down. In Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, corn silage harvest was almost complete. Many harvested fields were reseeded. Pastures and forage fields improved with rain. Hood River, Sherman, and Wasco Counties received much needed rain. Producers tried to get their crops seeded. Pastures struggled. Many fed hay to cattle due to pastures drying up. Despite the rain, it was still very dry in the Gilliam, Hood River, Wheeler, and Wasco County areas. Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine Counties reported unseasonably warm weather. Growers planted cover crops and stands showed up quickly where there was irrigation. Fall wheat planting was on hold for weekend rains. Tree fruit harvest was complete. Producers made a few fall fungicide sprays on apples and pears. Wine grape harvest was nearing completion with a few late varieties yet to harvest. Grape quality was very good. Fall digging of balled and burlap nursery trees started. Most of the onions were harvested in Malheur County. Beet harvest was in full swing. Rain late in the week put a temporary hold on harvesting and planting. Fall calving started in portions of Lake County. In Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties, producers planted new carrot seed crops and harvested hay. Some irrigation districts shut down.

Heavy Rains Drench Most of Washington

There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, down from 7.0 days the previous week. Western Washington had favorable dry conditions for harvesting and fall planting during the week. The weekend brought two to three inches of precipitation, which temporarily shut down fieldwork. Some of the corn harvest was immature and wet. There were reports of some blow down in cornfields, but the fields were still harvestable. San Juan County had cool, foggy nights and residual smoke in the morning with sunny afternoons. Fruit harvest was ongoing. CSA farmers pulled produce from fields and high tunnels. Livestock was on pasture. Skagit County was very wet. Some producers in Snohomish County harvested and stored their corn silage before the weekend deluge. Fall cole crops and greens were progressing well with the added precipitation. Okanogan and Ferry Counties received widespread moisture, with areas of high intensity, on Sunday. No frost had been reported yet in Yakima County. Wine grape and apple harvests continued with Honeycrisp, Granny Smith, Golden Delicious, and Red Delicious apples arriving at packinghouses. Field crews removed black plastic and irrigation tubing from vegetable fields. The autumn bounty of roadside stands continued with pumpkins, maize, and winter squashes for sale. Hemp harvest started. Pend Oreille and Spokane Counties were dry and cool. Soil moisture was maintained in Adams and Lincoln Counties due to the week's precipitation. Producers welcomed rains in Douglas County. Waterville reported improved winter wheat condition. Asotin and Garfield Counties also received rain and wind. Whitman County had perfect seeding conditions, but craved more rain.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/11/20

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	33	30	37	-
Oregon	33	43	24	-
Washington	16	31	50	3
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	29	38	33	-
Oregon	34	46	20	-
Washington	11	37	50	2

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/11/20

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	10	33	27	30	-
Oregon	37	49	11	3	-
Washington	25	21	46	8	-
Winter wheat					
Washington	1	3	16	59	21
Corn					
Idaho	-	-	7	86	7
Oregon	-	-	16	72	12
Sugarbeets					
Idaho	-	-	3	62	35
Oregon	-	-	10	80	10
Washington	-	-	-	100	-

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 10/11/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	79	59	68	77
Winter wheat emerged.....	39	23	36	43
Potatoes harvested.....	85	66	78	76
Sugarbeets harvested.....	40	31	32	35
Field corn mature.....	81	57	90	85
Field corn harvested for grain.....	11	3	24	30
Field corn harvested for silage.....	84	80	82	84
Dry edible beans harvested.....	97	92	80	93
Onions harvested.....	95	85	89	86
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	66	59	72	70

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 10/11/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	49	29	71	57
Winter wheat emerged.....	15	8	29	20
Potatoes harvested.....	80	70	89	81
Sugarbeets harvested.....	35	18	43	29
Field corn mature.....	81	76	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain.....	15	14	43	37
Field corn harvested for silage.....	69	60	64	71
Dry edible beans harvested.....	95	89	96	97
Onions harvested.....	75	70	88	83
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	78	58	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 10/11/20

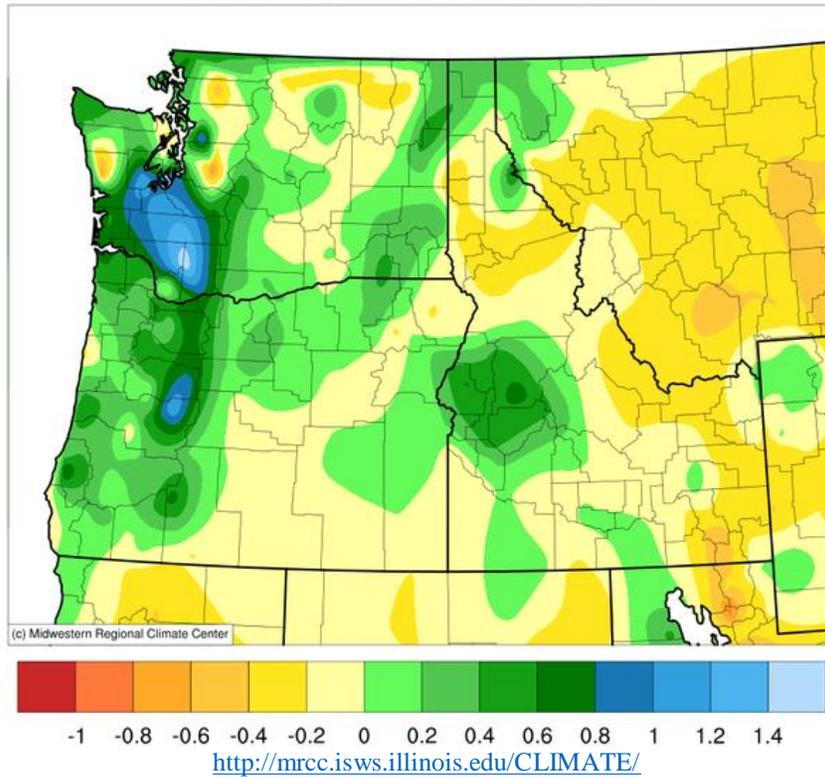
Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	79	76	76	80
Winter wheat emerged.....	55	54	42	53
Potatoes harvested.....	77	69	74	74
Sugarbeets harvested.....	35	-	78	(NA)
Field corn dented.....	96	86	96	90
Field corn mature.....	82	64	69	64
Field corn harvested for grain.....	60	51	9	26
Field corn harvested for silage.....	73	63	72	79
Onions harvested.....	89	79	98	92
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	82	67	73	82

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

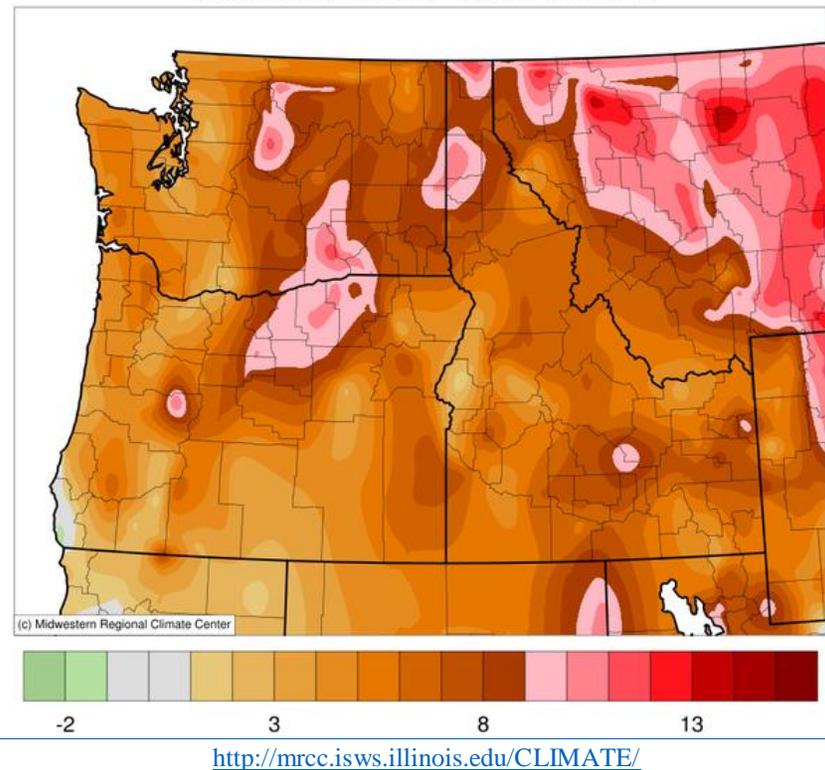
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2020 to October 11, 2020



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

October 05, 2020 to October 11, 2020



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