



Crop Progress and Condition



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Mild Temperatures in Southeast Idaho

There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork, down from 6.5 days the previous week. In Boundary County, unusually nice weather and some rain helped pastures rebound this fall. Winter wheat emerged across the valley, with timely fall rains helping germination. In southeast Idaho, it was extremely dry. Frost was reported for several nights as were periods of very high winds. Temperatures were mild, but a cooling trend was expected next week.

Harvests and Fall Planting Continued in Oregon

There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, up from 5.6 the previous week. Horticulture crops finished for the year, field crop growers continued planting, and pastures were in good shape in Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties. In Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, corn silage harvest finished and growers planted cover crops for the winter. A few herds were out on grass over the weekend, but due to recent rains, most remained confined. Umatilla and Wallowa Counties reported good emergence on stands of winter wheat. Some fields had spotty emergence due to poor seedbed water. Producers applied soil active herbicides to wheat for control of winter annual grasses. This year's harvested wheat fields greened up with the rains. Winter canola was doing well. In Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine Counties, the wine grape harvest finished. Most growers felt the late winter freeze in 2019 hurt the vines. Damage carried over into 2020. Fall seeded cover crops and grain crops looked good. Orchard crop harvests neared completion. In Malheur County, onion harvest neared completion, while sugarbeet harvest continued full speed ahead with favorable field conditions. Operators waited for the moisture content to drop before moving forward with field corn harvests. Livestock producers continued to move cattle to fall and winter pastures in Lake County. They received no rain last week. For Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties, carrot seed plants were up. Hay season neared completion. In Klamath County the smoke cleared significantly, which allowed for fourth cuttings of hay where applicable. The range was dry and overall conditions for grazing were poor. Planted crops fared better.

Washington Had Cool Temperatures

There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, down from 6.2 days the previous week. The San Juan County harvests were closing down with more moisture and cooler temperatures last week. Pastures rebounded with cool season grasses. Some fields were replanted. Most of the tree fruit crops were harvested, but some late apples, quince, and Asian pears were still hanging on trees. Warm season vegetables were slowing down as cool season vegetables were entering their prime. Skagit County was wet last week. No frost was reported in Yakima County as the lowest nighttime temperatures dropped to the mid-30s. Vegetable harvests were wrapping up, but some producers still had peppers, tomatoes, tomatillos, and winter squashes to harvest. Many fields were plowed under last week. Field corn operators tried to push through harvest. Field crews in hop fields were reeling in irrigation lines. Later maturing varieties of Braeburn, Honeycrisp, Granny Smith, Golden Delicious, Red Delicious, and Fuji apples arrived in packinghouses. Northeast Washington had cold rain. Pastures in Adams County were in good condition, but they stopped growing due to the cool temperatures. Dry bean harvest benefited from favorable conditions and was winding down.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/18/20

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	36	33	31	-
Oregon	35	41	24	-
Washington.....	10	25	61	4
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	35	37	28	-
Oregon	33	44	23	-
Washington.....	9	30	58	3

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/18/20

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	15	26	29	30	-
Oregon	41	46	10	3	-
Washington.....	20	26	46	8	-
Winter wheat					
Washington.....	1	2	27	58	12
Corn					
Idaho	-	-	11	78	11
Oregon	1	3	16	66	14
Sugarbeets					
Idaho	-	-	4	60	36
Oregon	-	-	10	80	10
Washington.....	-	-	-	100	-

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 10/18/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	91	79	80	87
Winter wheat emerged.....	51	39	47	57
Potatoes harvested.....	94	85	89	87
Sugarbeets harvested.....	57	40	42	46
Field corn mature.....	86	81	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain.....	26	11	31	42
Field corn harvested for silage.....	93	84	93	92
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	71	66	75	75

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 10/18/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	62	49	82	71
Winter wheat emerged.....	21	15	42	31
Potatoes harvested.....	93	80	93	87
Sugarbeets harvested.....	46	35	48	46
Field corn mature.....	85	81	(NA)	(NA)1
Field corn harvested for grain.....	26	15	54	54
Field corn harvested for silage.....	75	69	77	79
Onions harvested.....	87	75	94	89
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	83	78	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

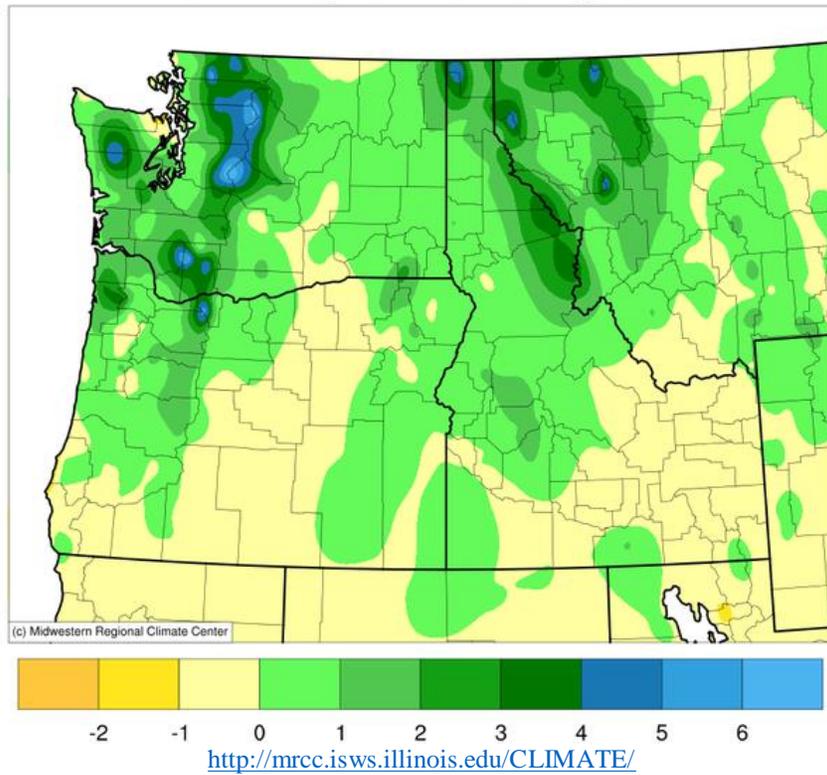
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 10/18/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	88	79	84	86
Winter wheat emerged.....	65	55	61	61
Potatoes harvested.....	83	77	83	85
Sugarbeets harvested.....	50	35	90	(NA)
Field corn mature.....	94	82	85	77
Field corn harvested for grain.....	66	60	21	37
Field corn harvested for silage.....	80	73	83	89
Onions harvested.....	96	89	100	97
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	86	82	77	85

(NA) Not available.

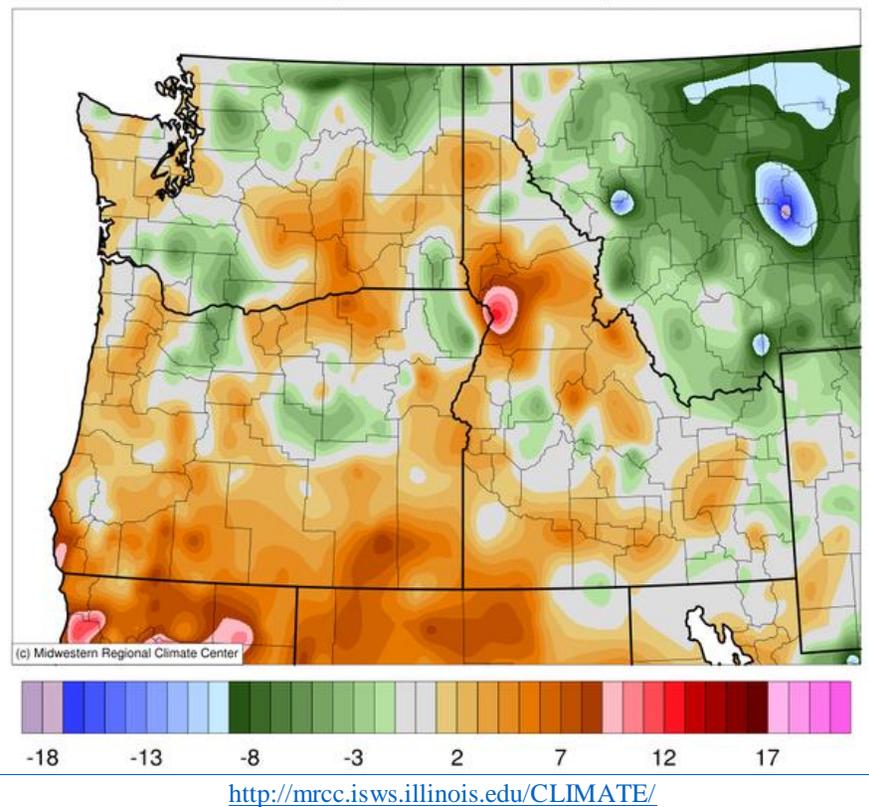
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2020 to October 18, 2020



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

October 12, 2020 to October 18, 2020



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