



Crop Progress and Condition



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Idaho Spring Planting and Fieldwork Underway

There were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho last week. Mild temperatures allowed crop producers to increase fieldwork and spring planting. Overall, Idaho moisture levels were off to a drier start compared to previous year numbers and five-year averages. End of week rain in northern Idaho helped topsoil moisture, which were low for this time of year. More precipitation was needed to ensure favorable growing conditions for this year's crops. Pastures responded well to daytime temperatures that ranged from 50 to 60 degrees. In southwest Idaho, tillage and field prep were well underway in the valleys. Onions were planted. Weather was too cold for planting in the northern portion of Washington and Adams Counties. In south central Idaho, spring planting and field work continued to increase this past week. Canals were charged and irrigation should start in the next few days. Winter cereals, range and pastures needed moisture. The higher elevations of Idaho began to see some snow melt. A few fields started to show, but there was still snow on the ground in Camas and Teton Counties.

Oregon

There were 6.4 days suitable for field work in Oregon last week. Gilliam, Hood River, and Wasco Counties reported very dry conditions. Dry conditions were also reported in Deschutes, Jefferson, Crook, and Wheeler Counties. Malheur County reported dry conditions for planting and field preparations. Irrigation systems were delayed in starting so topsoil moisture was an issue. Strong winds caused damage to drip irrigation systems and left some onion fields with little to no cover on un-germinated onion seeds. Warmer weather was favorable to pasture and range growth. Lake County reported below average precipitation and irrigation and livestock conditions were concerning. Many producers reported that they would not receive irrigation water from Drews or Cottonwood Reservoirs. Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine Counties reported above average temperatures and no rain. Dry conditions pushed planting and crop development along. Plums, peaches, and nectarines finished blooming and apples were moved into pink stage while pears started to bloom. Field work in orchards, vineyards, berry fields, and grain fields were above normal due to the dry spring. Umatilla and Wallowa Counties reported winter wheat jointed and was growing vigorously. Winter canola started elongation and formed flower buds. Clatsop and Tillamook Counties reported dry conditions for soil to begin drying out. Harvest of grass cover crops began on better drained soils. Washington, Multnomah, and Columbia Counties reported good soil moisture which allowed field work last week. Cold nights slowed blueberry bloom. Seed crop and nursery crops progressed well. Also, fall planted grain started to grow and pastures grew faster. Polk County reported some grass seed fields behind in growth due to freezing temperatures while other fields reported average growth. Weeds continued to affect grass seed crop overall. Cold nights slowed forage growth and many livestock operators held livestock back from grazing.

Washington

There were 7 days suitable for field work in Washington last week. Temperatures throughout Washington were normal to below normal last week. In San Juan County, cold nights and warmer late afternoons kicked pastures into awakening. Most livestock were still on stored feed. In Snohomish County, hardly any field work happened due to the wet soils. Greenhouses were filling with starts and should be transplanted soon. Central Washington, specifically Klickitat and Yakima Counties, were very dry and heavy winds removed moisture out of the ground. Crop condition was normal for Douglas County with variable amount of snow mold that was present. In Asotin and Garfield Counties, winter wheat looked good but could use some rain. Spring crops started to be seeded.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/04/21

Item and State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	10	15	66	9
Oregon.....	22	29	32	17
Washington.....	18	25	56	1
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	7	23	63	7
Oregon.....	18	34	37	11
Washington.....	18	21	60	1

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/04/21

Crop and State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	8	15	36	40	1
Oregon.....	6	21	35	34	4
Washington.....	14	24	31	31	-
Winter wheat					
Idaho.....	-	4	35	52	9
Oregon.....	2	4	25	56	13
Washington.....	1	7	30	59	3

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 04/04/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	16	(NA)	21	10
Barley planted.....	16	(NA)	21	14
Oats planted.....	8	(NA)	15	8
Potatoes planted.....	6	(NA)	4	3
Sugarbeets planted.....	17	(NA)	18	12
Dry edible peas planted.....	12	(NA)	28	6
Onions planted.....	18	(NA)	44	30

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 04/04/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	42	(NA)	41	33
Barley planted.....	33	(NA)	30	25
Oats planted.....	20	(NA)	29	21
Potatoes planted.....	29	(NA)	23	13
Sugarbeets planted.....	15	(NA)	60	27
Dry edible peas planted.....	63	(NA)	62	24
Onions planted.....	52	(NA)	53	34

(NA) Not available.

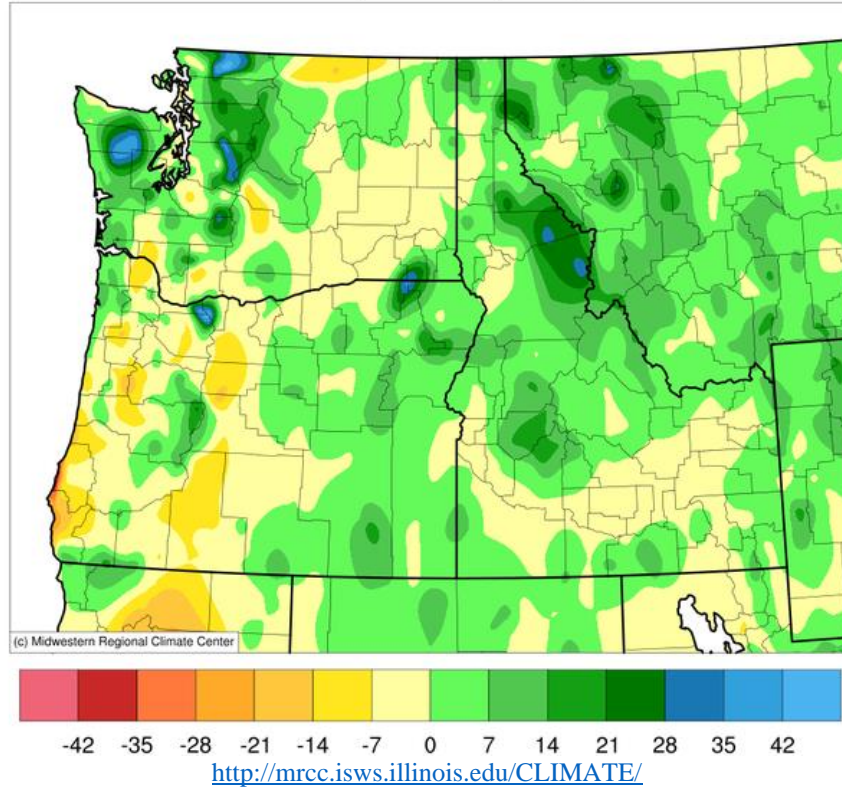
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 04/04/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	14	(NA)	39	19
Barley planted.....	10	(NA)	36	14
Oats planted.....	2	(NA)	7	4
Potatoes planted.....	19	(NA)	24	12
Dry edible peas planted.....	2	(NA)	20	9
Onions planted.....	14	(NA)	22	19

(NA) Not available.

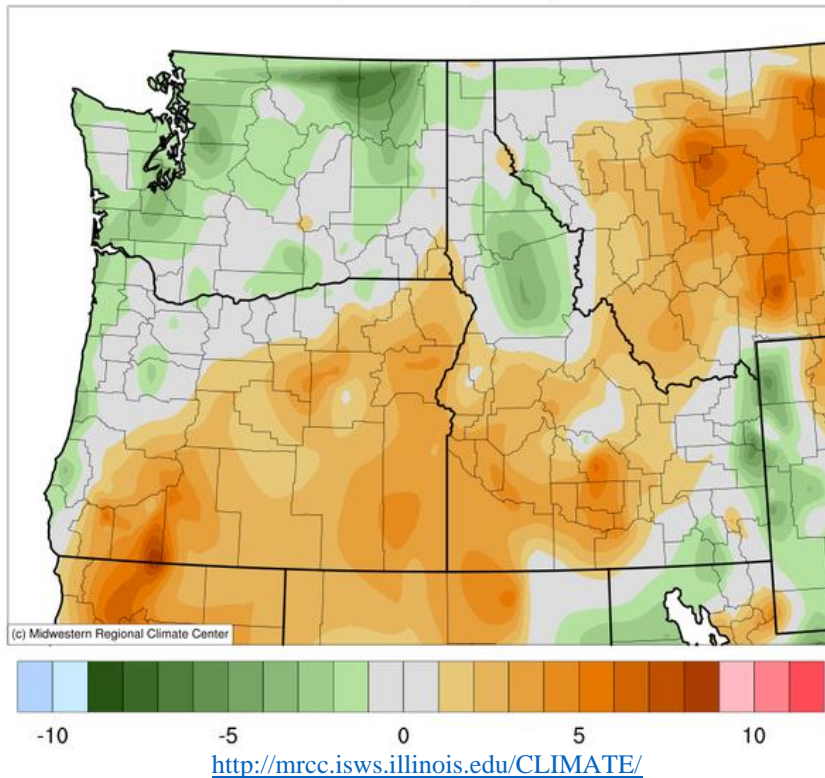
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2020 to April 04, 2021



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

March 29, 2021 to April 04, 2021



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