



Crop Progress and Condition



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Idaho Spring Planting Continued in a Dry Weather Pattern

There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork, up from 4.5 reported the previous week. A rather dry start to April continued. Crop producers reported increased days suitable for fieldwork. Spring planting advanced. Overall, Idaho soil moisture levels continued to show a drier pattern compared to previous year numbers and the five-year average. Northern Idaho temperatures were cooler than normal. Boundary County reported relatively dry conditions, which provided crop producers early access into fields. Despite the cool conditions, pastures started to green up. In southwest Idaho, a little rain brought some relief for early pasture growth. Early annual pasture drying was observed due to low precipitation in the region. Onion planting continued to progress. Some sugarbeets and potatoes were planted as well. Early alfalfa achieved good growth with the warm weather patterns. Winter wheat stands appeared mostly even. Some fields were a little behind, possibly due to low moisture. In south central Idaho, dry weather continued. Irrigation systems were turned on. Cereals planting progressed well, and some spring-planted grains had emerged. Major planting activities included potatoes and beets. Farmers started working corn ground in preparation for planting. Non-irrigated pastures and range were dry and needed moisture. The higher elevations of Idaho continued to observe some snow melt. A few fields were close to the point where fieldwork could begin in earnest. Grass broke dormancy in some fields. It was dry, windy and still quite cold in Power County.

Oregon Field Work Continued Despite the Cooler Weather

There were 6.0 days suitable for field work, down from 6.4 the previous week. Benton, Lincoln, and Linn Counties reported dry weather for the past week and farmers applied their fertilizer. Benton County reported some wheat and specialty crops grew in Season High Tunnel Systems. Polk County hazelnut orchards started leafing out. Cold nights slowed growth on cropland and voles were a problem. All livestock started grazing. Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties reported soil temperatures were too cool to plant many vegetable crops. Small fruit progressed and nursery stock quality looked good. Grain crops and grass seed fields picked up. Pastures looked fine. Clatsop and Tillamook Counties reported soils started to dry and field operations began. Some ensilage harvest was observed, and the first tillage operations occurred. Hood River, Sherman, and Wasco Counties reported cold mornings were hard on the grasses and crops. A storm blew through with scattered rain, hail, and a little snow. Calves were hit by temperature fluctuations. Wheat crops came up good. Pastures did not recover well from drought last year and mild winter this year. Grant and Baker County reported continual windstorms with no moisture. Cold temperatures slowed down grass growth. Planting was doing well. Umatilla and Wallowa Counties reported good winter wheat progress and good winter canola progress. Douglas, Jackson and Josephine Counties reported no rain and topsoil dried out fast. Hard freezes caused issues with bloom on apricots, peaches, plums, and cherries. Apples and pears bloomed. Wine grapes budded out. Malheur County reported cool, dry, and windy conditions. Germination was difficult due to low topsoil moisture. Low elevation rangeland plant growth was very poor. Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties reported dry conditions. Pastures were very dry.

Field Work Down in Washington

There were 5.9 days suitable for field work, down from 7 days reported the previous week. Temperatures throughout the state of Washington for the week ending April 11 were below normal. In San Juan, Island, and Skagit Counties, nights were very cool with a mix of rain and sunshine. Field work and some planting was done during the dry days. In Jefferson and Snohomish Counties, soil temperatures were cold and the grass growth was slow. Many producers turned out cattle. Significant amount of garden ground was tilled up and some cold vegetables came out but had only turned. In San Juan County, livestock were still on stockpiled feed and no grains were planted just yet. In Yakima County, below freezing temperatures required frost protection in tree fruit orchards. Apricots were in post bloom while most pears were in full bloom. Apple orchards were in tight bloom, while some only had pollinizers in bloom. In southeast Washington, high winds and inclement weather prevented spring work from happening. Everything was very dry and rain was needed, but wheat looked good.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/11/21

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	12	14	70	4
Oregon	25	34	34	7
Washington.....	15	32	51	2
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	9	14	70	7
Oregon	25	32	38	5
Washington.....	14	27	54	5

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/11/21

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	11	16	38	34	1
Oregon	11	19	33	33	4
Washington.....	23	31	29	15	2
Winter wheat					
Idaho	2	10	35	45	8
Oregon	2	4	29	48	17
Washington.....	1	5	20	67	7

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 04/11/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted	26	16	39	24
Barley planted.....	27	16	31	29
Oats planted	19	8	32	18
Oats emerged	2	-	6	3
Potatoes planted	14	6	12	10
Sugarbeets planted.....	48	17	42	31
Dry edible peas planted	25	12	38	8
Onions planted.....	65	18	63	51
Onions emerged	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 04/11/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted	74	42	66	50
Spring wheat emerged.....	20	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barley planted.....	66	33	52	40
Barley emerged	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats planted	47	20	60	36
Oats emerged	1	-	20	15
Potatoes planted.....	34	29	46	25
Sugarbeets planted.....	50	15	81	41
Field corn planted	8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas planted	82	63	77	38
Dry edible peas emerged	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Onions planted.....	65	52	68	46
Onions emerged	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

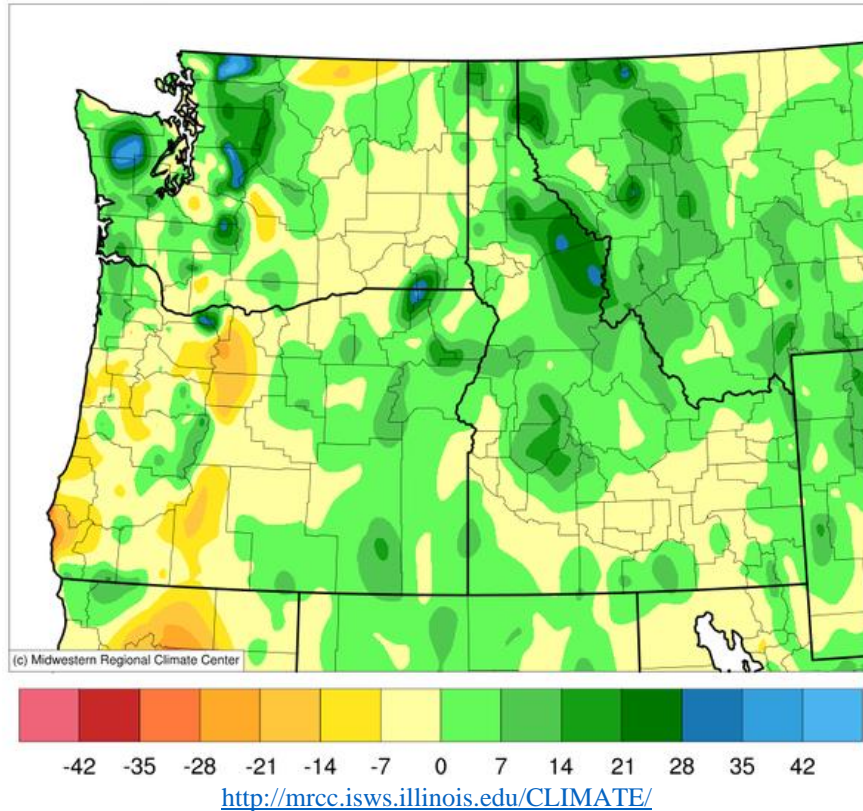
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Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 04/11/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted	50	14	55	32
Barley planted.....	39	10	49	21
Oats planted	3	2	12	10
Potatoes planted	32	19	35	23
Dry edible peas planted	8	2	26	13
Onions planted.....	24	14	29	34

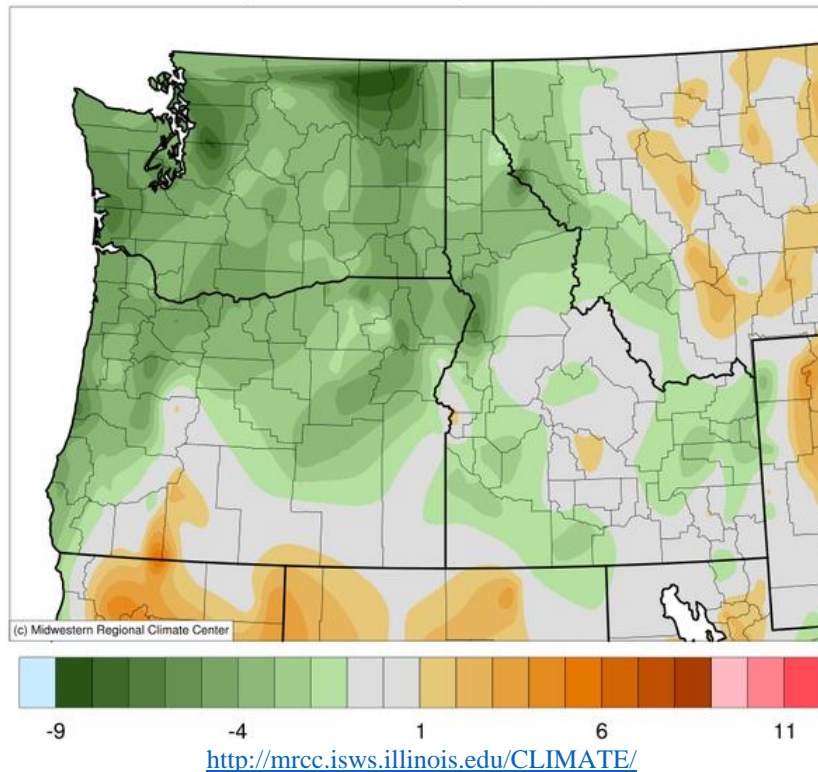
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2020 to April 11, 2021



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

April 05, 2021 to April 11, 2021



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