



Crop Progress and Condition



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Dry and Windy Conditions Reported Throughout Much of Idaho

There were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork, down from 5.7 reported the previous week. April continued to be a dry month in Idaho. Reporters across the state reported cooler than average temperatures and windy conditions. The combination of little moisture and wind brought some early deterioration to pasture and range conditions. Northern Idaho observed more high winds than average. Grasses started to get very dry. Southwestern Idaho also reported very dry conditions on much of the rangeland. Annual grasses started to senesce. Onion and beet planting continued. It was also a cool windy week in South central Idaho with a small amount of moisture, which quickly dried with the wind. Range and dry pastures needed more moisture. Spring planting continued with grain and row crops. Corn growers continued to prepare their fields for planting, but soils were still a little cool. The higher elevations of Idaho, as well as most of the eastern region, continued to slowly emerge from winter. The cooler than normal temperatures did not help. There was sporadic snowfall on the valley floors of Teton County.

Dry Conditions Continued in Oregon and Days Suitable for Field Work Increased

There were 6.8 days suitable for field work, an increase from 6.0 the previous week. In Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties, conditions made for good crop health. Pollination and good weather helped small grains, tree fruits, early vegetables, fall planted grain, grass seed, and nursery stock. In Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, the dry weather enabled harvesting of grass crops in preparation for getting corn silage planted. Many dairy operations had their milking strings out on pasture. Extremely dry conditions continued in north central Oregon, with pasture and crops in danger of dying due to the dry weather. Northeast Oregon reported irrigated crops, tree fruits and berries in good shape. Dryland wheat was healthy but needed rain and winter canola continued to do well. Baker County reported windy conditions with no moisture. Cattle turned out to very little feed due to cold weather and no moisture. Hay piles were depleted or very small. There was very little topsoil moisture for planting. Southwest Oregon reported dry weather and topsoil rapidly dried out. Most orchards, field crops, and berry farmers turned on irrigation. Apple, pear, and blueberry crops were in full bloom. Raspberry crops put out new shoots off the canes. Stone fruit were finished blooming. River levels fell significantly. Malheur County reported windy conditions causing issues with onions. Some newly emerged onions were damaged or destroyed by blowing soil particles. Some fields had onion seed completely bare as soil was blown away and other fields had drip irrigation system damage. Some producers replanted onions. Range conditions continued to degrade in low elevations due to lack of moisture. Lake County reported below average precipitation. Dry conditions persisted in Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties.

Fieldwork up in Washington with Dry Soils

There were 6.8 days suitable for field work, up from 5.9 days reported the previous week. Statewide temperatures for the week ending April 18 were above normal. Western Washington experienced summer-like temperatures. In San Juan county, warm temperatures stimulated pasture growth and fruit trees were in full bloom. Livestock transitioned to pasture feed and many CSA farms struggled to get crops out. In Snohomish County, more fieldwork was done than previous week with dry soils. Early high tunnel harvest of greens and cole crops took place and more transplants went in. In Central Washington, soils remained dry and lack of precipitation over the past few weeks increased the effect on the quality of dryland crops and pastures. Livestock producers purchased extra feed, reduced herd size and moved cows to additional pasture. In Okanogan County, no precipitation occurred, and the cold night temperatures caused loss in cherries. Low moisture impacted wheat and grass growth as well. In Yakima and Klickitat County, conditions were very dry, and lack of precipitation caused for a deep drought. In Douglas and Adams County, another dry, windy, and cold week occurred, and spring cereal planting progressed quickly. Southeast Washington was in severe need of rain and crops looked dry.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/18/21

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	7	19	73	1
Oregon	26	39	34	1
Washington.....	14	46	38	2
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	4	23	70	3
Oregon	26	31	43	-
Washington.....	17	23	59	1

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/18/21

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	12	17	37	33	1
Oregon	14	21	39	23	3
Washington.....	31	21	35	12	1
Winter wheat					
Idaho	2	9	34	45	10
Oregon	3	6	36	42	13
Washington.....	2	6	25	64	3

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 04/18/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted	46	26	52	39
Spring wheat emerged	4	(NA)	5	3
Barley planted	46	27	41	43
Barley emerged	5	(NA)	6	9
Oats planted	39	19	40	30
Oats emerged	6	2	14	7
Potatoes planted	33	14	16	20
Sugarbeets planted	74	48	56	56
Field corn planted	3	(NA)	4	9
Dry edible peas planted	46	25	49	14
Onions planted	79	65	88	70
Onions emerged	20	3	40	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 04/18/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted	87	74	80	66
Spring wheat emerged	38	20	44	(NA)
Barley planted	80	66	75	58
Barley emerged	30	10	42	(NA)
Oats planted	66	47	79	49
Oats emerged	27	1	45	23
Potatoes planted	55	34	69	43
Sugarbeets planted	85	50	86	56
Field corn planted	24	8	33	13
Dry edible peas planted	97	82	87	55
Dry edible peas emerged	12	1	35	(NA)
Onions planted	72	65	87	61
Onions emerged	28	5	38	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

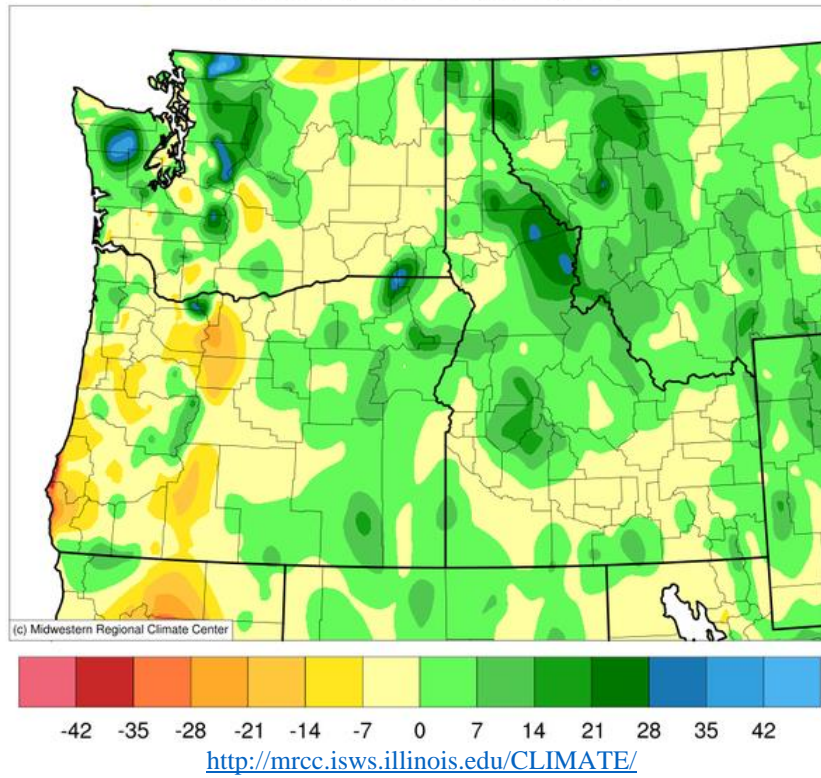
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 04/18/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted	71	50	75	45
Spring wheat emerged	15	(NA)	43	16
Barley planted	74	39	67	29
Barley emerged	24	(NA)	28	10
Oats planted	11	3	32	20
Potatoes planted	49	32	43	38
Field corn planted	2	(NA)	11	16
Dry edible peas planted	24	8	48	26
Onions planted	80	24	37	49

(NA) Not available.

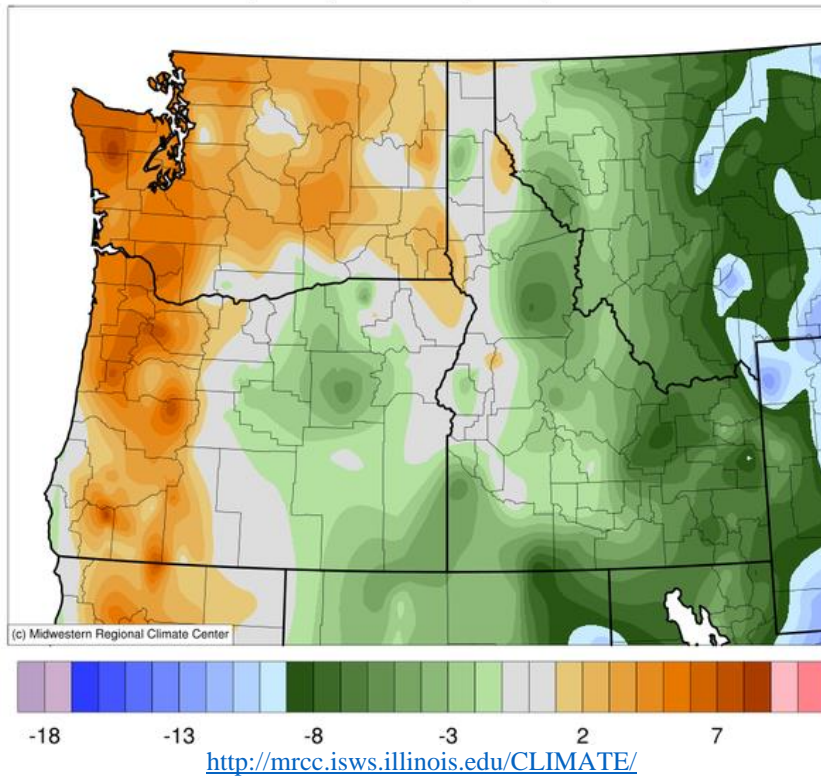
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2020 to April 18, 2021



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

April 12, 2021 to April 18, 2021



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