



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Dry and Warmer Spring Weather Continued in Idaho

There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork, up from 5.8 reported the previous week. Both planting and crop emergence made progress in warmer than average temperatures. Most of northern Idaho remained abnormally dry. Spring crops were almost all planted. Pastures greened up in the warmer temperatures, but the lack of rainfall limited grass growth. Southwest Idaho received some rain over the weekend that brought much needed moisture to rangelands. Low spring moisture led to rapid annual grass maturity. Lower Weiser Valley grazers were largely dependent on annual grasses in their dryland pastures. Winter wheat stands looked good and progressed. Irrigated pastures also looked good. Most small grains were planted. Onion planting wrapped up. Dry bean planting was in progress. In south central Idaho, dry and pleasant weather continued through the week with the requisite Magic Valley winds. Corn planting ramped up this week. Producers in southern Twin Falls County on the Salmon Tract were concerned with water availability later this year. Warmer weather helped push spring grains and sugarbeets planting progressed in eastern Idaho.

## Dry Weather Stressed Wheat Crop in Oregon

There were 6.5 days suitable for field work, an increase from 6.2 the previous week. Dry conditions continued in Columbia, Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah Counties. The weather slowed down disease in both agronomic and horticultural crops. However, soil moisture suffered. Crop conditions continued to be good. Pasture growth started to slow down. In Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, warm sunny weather brought on grass. Many corn silage fields were prepped for planting, and there were a lot of milking strings outside. Dry conditions continued to persist in north central Oregon. Producers reported blue, yellow, and brown wheat with the lack of moisture. Umatilla and Wallowa Counties continued to be dry. Many fields of winter wheat showed drought stress on south slopes and shallow areas. Winter canola was doing well. Southwest Oregon experienced warm weather, which dried out the soil. Soil moisture in non-irrigated fields dwindled. Most orchard, vineyard, and berry crop producers started their irrigation cycles. Apple, pear, and blueberry crops had good pollination weather. Raspberry crops flowered and looked good. Wine grapes had new shoots with several inches of growth. Wheat fields were booted and were in good shape despite dry soil. Vegetable crop planting began. In Malheur County, onions and sugarbeets were replanted following wind damage. Corn planting continued. Lake County was below average in precipitation. Producers reported spring planting of crops. In Klamath County, very little acreage was watered at this time. Crops in the ground were doing okay but represented a small percentage that were planted.

## **Dry and Warm Conditions Continued in Washington**

There were 6.7 days suitable for field work, up from 6.5 days reported the previous week. Statewide temperatures in Washington for the week ending May 2 were above normal. In western Washington, the weather was great for farming. Some field tillage and planting were done due to the dry soils. Cover crops harvested by dairymen were lighter than normal. In Jefferson and King Counties, corn was planted, and ground preparation was coming along. Fruit trees were finishing up bloom with apples being last. In San Juan County, some barley planting was done due to late drying fields. Flowers and fruit benefitted from the weather. In central Washington, dry and warm conditions continued. In Yakima County, spraying was almost impossible due to high winds. The lack of precipitation had a noticeable effect on all crops, but crops looked good. Apple and pear trees started to form fruit and asparagus harvest continued. More vegetable fields were prepared for transplant. In southeast Washington, rain was needed, and conditions remained dry. In Garfield and Asotin Counties, a D2 drought designation was near due to lack of precipitation in the past couple of weeks.

### Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 05/02/21

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	3	25	72	-
Oregon .....	40	30	29	1
Washington.....	28	36	35	1
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	6	25	68	1
Oregon .....	38	27	34	1
Washington.....	19	36	44	1

- Represents zero.

### Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 05/02/21

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho .....	5	19	49	25	2
Oregon .....	25	22	36	16	1
Washington.....	33	22	35	9	1
Winter wheat					
Idaho .....	-	3	39	52	6
Oregon .....	10	25	26	34	5
Washington.....	2	8	33	53	4
Spring wheat					
Oregon .....	6	37	27	27	3
Washington.....	2	18	29	50	1
Barley					
Oregon .....	4	11	32	48	5
Washington.....	3	13	39	45	-
Dry edible peas					
Oregon .....	4	24	25	34	13

- Represents zero.

**Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 05/02/21**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted .....	81	64	76	69
Spring wheat emerged .....	42	30	20	27
Winter wheat headed .....	1	(NA)	1	2
Barley planted .....	84	61	72	72
Barley emerged .....	41	30	28	38
Oats planted .....	73	50	55	51
Oats emerged .....	34	18	30	25
Potatoes planted .....	52	44	36	47
Potatoes emerged .....	7	1	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets planted .....	93	87	84	85
Sugarbeets emerged .....	33	21	37	(NA)
Field corn planted .....	29	10	37	38
Field corn emerged .....	5	(NA)	(NA)	7
Dry edible beans planted .....	28	14	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas planted .....	78	63	74	39
Dry edible peas emerged .....	30	25	34	(NA)
Onions planted .....	97	93	100	94
Onions emerged .....	80	21	96	48

(NA) Not available.

**Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 05/02/21**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat emerged .....	83	69	89	66
Winter wheat headed .....	8	(NA)	11	4
Barley planted .....	95	93	97	82
Barley emerged .....	86	59	83	58
Oats planted .....	91	82	94	71
Oats emerged .....	49	33	86	45
Potatoes planted .....	80	69	90	67
Potatoes emerged .....	35	17	39	(NA)
Sugarbeets planted .....	99	90	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets emerged .....	25	25	83	(NA)
Field corn planted .....	50	31	62	43
Field corn emerged .....	20	(NA)	15	9
Dry edible peas emerged .....	86	79	82	(NA)
Onions planted .....	95	83	(NA)	(NA)
Onions emerged .....	50	35	79	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

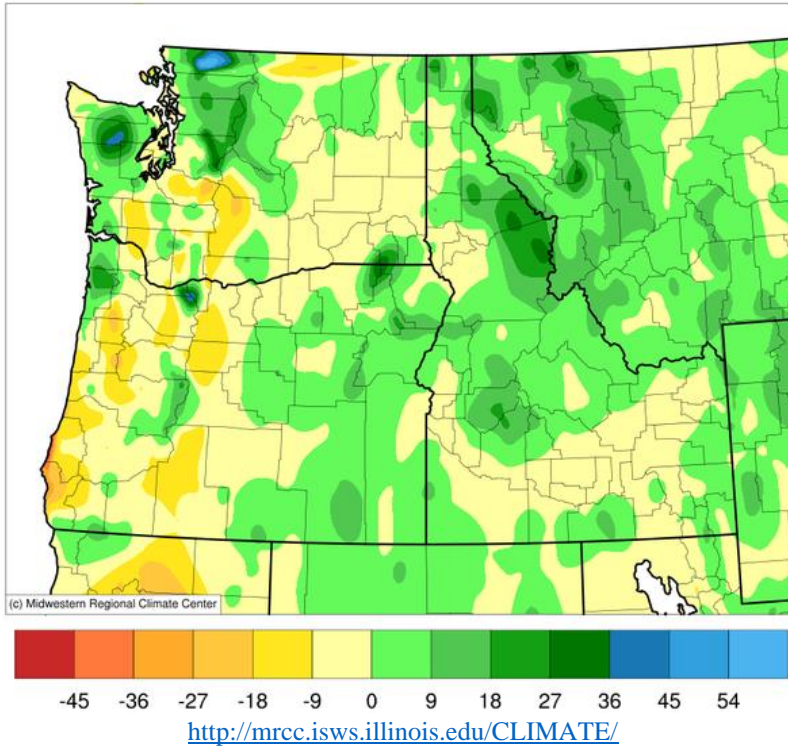
## Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 05/02/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	86	80	91	75
Spring wheat emerged.....	63	55	75	43
Winter wheat headed.....	1	(NA)	4	5
Barley planted.....	82	78	86	58
Barley emerged.....	58	53	51	30
Oats planted.....	50	31	66	36
Oats emerged.....	5	1	21	14
Potatoes planted.....	81	79	72	72
Potatoes emerged.....	17	5	14	(NA)
Field corn planted.....	60	25	65	49
Field corn emerged.....	9	(NA)	21	13
Dry edible beans planted.....	74	60	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans emerged.....	30	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas planted.....	69	63	88	55
Dry edible peas emerged.....	44	13	35	(NA)
Onions planted.....	92	89	60	78
Onions emerged.....	20	14	25	19

(NA) Not available.

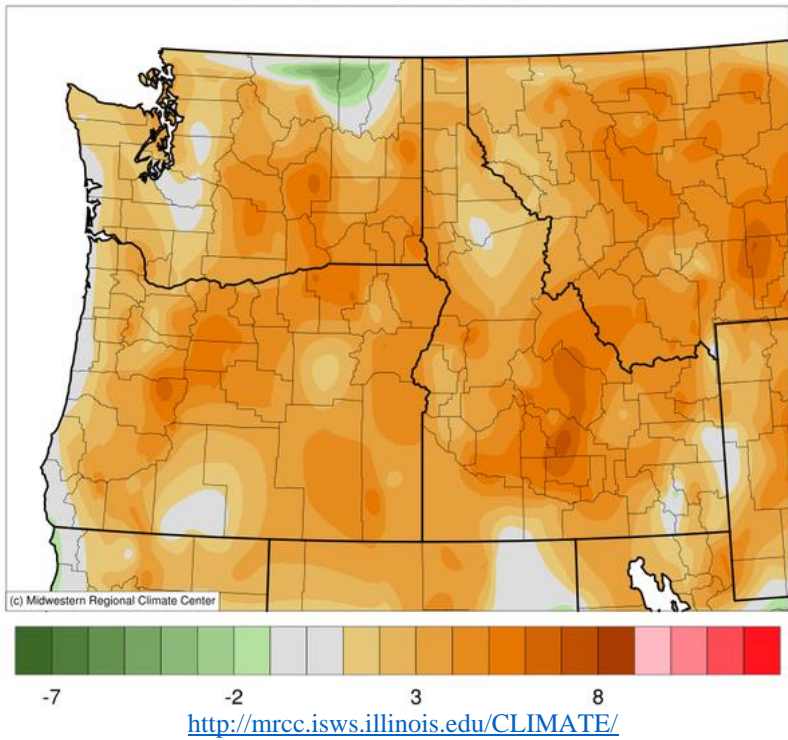
**Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**

October 01, 2020 to May 02, 2021



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

April 26, 2021 to May 02, 2021



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