



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Idaho Remained Dry and Slightly Cooler

There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork, up from 6.0 reported the previous week. Both planting and crop emergence continued to make steady progress. Barley, spring wheat, and sugarbeets planting neared completion. Most of the northern Idaho counties remained dry and windy. Dry conditions reduced the quality of this year's pastures. Grains and other spring planted crops needed timely rains to improve crop condition. Corn planting continued in south central Idaho. Crops looked good but could use some heat units.

## Cooler Temperatures, but Dry Weather Continued in Oregon

There were 6.6 days suitable for field work, a small increase from 6.5 the previous week. Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties were cooler with irrigated crops in good shape. In Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, corn silage fields were planted, and cows were turned out to the fields. In north central Oregon, there were gusty winds. Cooler temperatures and some rain helped the wheat. Pastures were not doing well. In Umatilla and Wallowa Counties, winter wheat showed extreme stress due to lack of rain. Winter canola looked excellent. Baker and Grant Counties were cool and dry with wind. Grass was short in most of the area. In southwest Oregon, rain was below average. Vineyard, berry, and orchard growers started their irrigation routines. Bloom ended for orchard crops, with crop load thinning being the main activity. Shoot thinning started with wine grapes. Blueberry crops were setting fruit well. Wheat crops were booted. Malheur County experienced windy conditions. First alfalfa cutting started this week. Low elevation range conditions continued to deteriorate. Lake County continued to be below average in rainfall. Livestock producers hauled water to their private properties and government allotments.

## **Dry Conditions with More Fieldwork in Washington**

There were 6.8 days suitable for field work, up from 6.7 days reported the previous week. Statewide temperatures in Washington for the week ending May 9 were mostly below normal. In western Washington, planting was ahead of schedule for most producers. Planted crops looked good due to the nice weather. In Clallam and Jefferson Counties, corn was planted along with other crops in great soil conditions. In King County, the first grass cutting was done but was later than normal. Growing flowers and fruit benefited from the weather. In central Washington, dry and warm conditions continued. In Chelan County, wheat crops had considerable variability in fields and across the county. Most 2021 crops were planted, fertilized and sprayed. In Yakima County, asparagus harvest continued. Corn seeds started to emerge. Lots of new vine growth was reported on grapes. In east central Washington, conditions remained dry in non-irrigated areas without natural rainfall. Poorer soils with little moisture last fall during planting had a low germination rate, which left large bare spots in fields. In southeast Washington, there was still no rain and it was extremely dry throughout the area.

### Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 05/09/21

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	8	33	58	1
Oregon .....	44	27	29	-
Washington.....	22	44	33	1
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	7	32	59	2
Oregon .....	43	28	29	-
Washington.....	17	33	49	1

- Represents zero.

### Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 05/09/21

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho .....	4	14	52	29	1
Oregon .....	28	17	41	13	1
Washington.....	32	23	35	9	1
Winter wheat					
Idaho .....	-	3	39	48	10
Oregon .....	16	26	25	30	3
Washington.....	1	6	32	58	3
Spring wheat					
Idaho .....	-	2	63	29	6
Oregon .....	6	38	22	33	1
Washington.....	3	20	26	51	-
Barley					
Idaho .....	-	2	50	38	10
Oregon .....	3	9	31	53	4
Washington.....	4	13	39	44	-
Oats					
Oregon .....	-	1	22	73	4
Onions					
Idaho .....	-	-	-	90	10
Oregon .....	-	-	26	54	20
Dry edible peas					
Oregon .....	8	23	20	41	8
Washington.....	1	3	32	64	-

- Represents zero.

**Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 05/09/21**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted .....	93	81	90	81
Spring wheat emerged .....	55	42	38	43
Winter wheat headed .....	2	1	4	4
Barley planted .....	95	84	89	85
Barley emerged .....	57	41	43	52
Oats planted .....	92	73	73	64
Oats emerged .....	50	34	44	37
Potatoes planted .....	65	52	58	62
Potatoes emerged .....	14	7	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets planted .....	95	93	86	89
Sugarbeets emerged .....	43	33	52	(NA)
Field corn planted .....	55	29	53	55
Field corn emerged .....	10	5	13	21
Dry edible beans planted .....	53	28	53	(NA)
Dry edible beans emerged .....	7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas planted .....	88	78	80	59
Dry edible peas emerged .....	44	30	51	(NA)
Onions emerged .....	85	80	100	59

(NA) Not available.

**Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 05/09/21**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat emerged .....	91	83	97	78
Winter wheat headed .....	22	8	17	10
Barley emerged .....	91	86	89	69
Oats planted .....	95	91	96	84
Oats emerged .....	74	49	91	56
Potatoes planted .....	94	80	96	82
Potatoes emerged .....	53	35	60	(NA)
Sugarbeets emerged .....	65	25	91	(NA)
Field corn planted .....	69	50	71	61
Field corn emerged .....	37	20	41	29
Dry edible peas emerged .....	89	86	90	(NA)
Onions emerged .....	85	50	84	56
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting .....	1	(NA)	3	4

(NA) Not available.

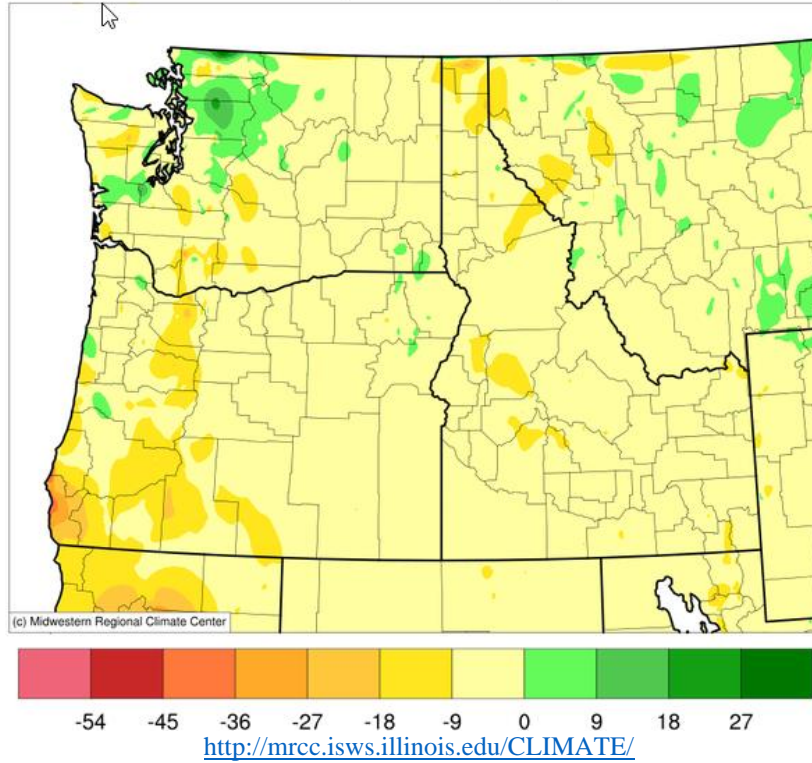
**Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 05/09/21**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	88	86	95	85
Spring wheat emerged.....	65	63	80	62
Winter wheat headed.....	3	1	8	9
Barley planted.....	85	82	93	73
Barley emerged.....	61	58	66	51
Oats planted.....	60	50	79	48
Oats emerged.....	10	5	38	23
Potatoes planted.....	91	81	85	84
Potatoes emerged.....	23	17	25	(NA)
Field corn planted.....	70	60	80	68
Field corn emerged.....	15	9	46	31
Dry edible beans planted.....	80	74	85	(NA)
Dry edible beans emerged.....	36	30	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas planted.....	73	69	97	66
Dry edible peas emerged.....	47	44	55	(NA)
Onions planted.....	95	92	78	93
Onions emerged.....	51	20	39	30
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting.....	1	(NA)	10	8

(NA) Not available.

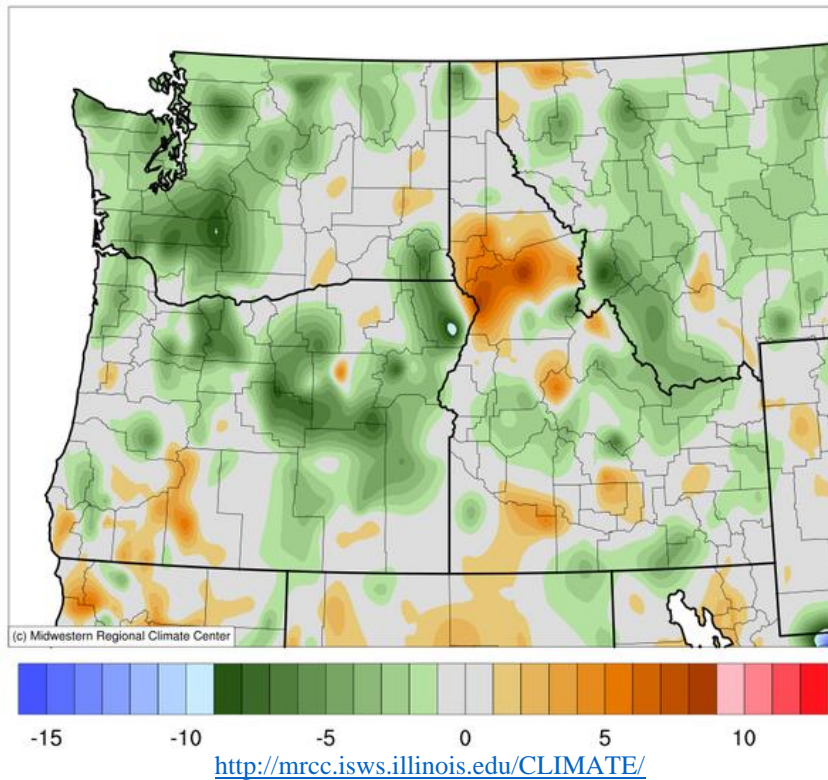
**Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**

October 01, 2020 to May 09, 2021



**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**

May 03, 2021 to May 09, 2021



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