



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Idaho Received Some Much-Needed Rainfall

There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork, down from 6.7 reported the previous week. Temperatures were cooler than normal. Some spotty rainfall was received statewide. The rainfall, while welcome, was not received in substantial amounts to impact the drier than normal weather year. Most of the northern Idaho counties remained dry until the end of last week when a day of steady precipitation broke the dry spell. In general, crops continued to look good in south central and southwestern Idaho. Additional heat units were needed. Eastern Idaho also received some much-needed moisture. Pasture lands quickly absorbed the rainfall.

## Cooler Temperatures and Some Moisture Improved Crop Conditions in Oregon

There were 6.6 days suitable for field work, down from 7.0 the previous week. In northwest Oregon, there were cooler temperatures with some thunderstorms and rain, but seasonal precipitation was still below average. The cooler temperatures slowed corn and other crops' development. Irrigation continued for crops that need it. In Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, grass silage harvest continued, while corn silage planting continued at a steady pace. Some irrigation was observed. In north central Oregon, dry conditions persisted. The cooler weather helped the crops. There was stressed and dead wheat. Cows were gathered and put on summer pastures. Pastures were not looking good with the dry weather. In Baker and Grant Counties, temperatures were cold, windy and close to freezing. The lower temperatures and winds slowed growth and dried out the little moisture that was left. In Umatilla and Wallowa Counties, winter wheat continued to suffer from drought stress. Spring crops started to show drought stress. Winter canola passed out of bloom. In southwest Oregon, scattered rain came through, but only small areas of agricultural land received measurable amounts. The drought continued with many farmers cutting the small amount of hay that grew. Fruit, berry, and vegetable crop development was doing well. The dry spring kept plant disease to a minimum. In Malheur County, wind and rain late in the week limited field work. The first cutting of alfalfa hay was on hold. Winter wheat headed out and pea seed crops began flowering. Reports indicated poor range conditions in low elevation rangeland, but upper elevation range continued to look fair. Lake County received a significant amount of precipitation, but they were still below normal.

## **A Little Precipitation Throughout the State of Washington**

There were 6.8 days suitable for field work, down from 7.0 days reported the previous week. Statewide temperatures in Washington for the week ending May 23 were below normal. In western Washington, the weather was favorable for farming. Ground preparation for planting was excellent. Areas within the Marshland Flood Control District received hail. In Jefferson and King Counties, blueberries and flowers were hit hard by hail. Some blueberries lost a low percentage of the blossoms and set fruit. In Snohomish County, field corn grew incredibly quick. In central Washington, most farmers were winding down planting. Warm season crops were transplanted, while green harvest continued. In Yakima County, precipitation occurred late in the week. Black plastic was laid down over vegetable beds and a few more were planted with peppers, tomatoes, and squash. First cutting of alfalfa hay continued and alfalfa hay bales aged in the field. In east central Washington, conditions remained dry. In Douglas County, a cool front moved through the region and provided some temperature relief and a little precipitation. In Stevens County, heavy frost throughout the night and early mornings caused damage to wheat, alfalfa, and barley. In southeast Washington, a few areas received rain, but remained dry overall. In Whitman County, producers were concerned that pasture would dry before growing and being used.

### Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 05/23/21

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	8	37	55	-
Oregon .....	49	25	26	-
Washington.....	31	45	23	1
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	10	34	55	1
Oregon .....	57	24	19	-
Washington.....	27	36	36	1

- Represents zero.

### Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 05/23/21

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho .....	4	12	59	25	-
Oregon .....	41	14	32	13	-
Washington.....	37	26	28	8	1
Winter wheat					
Idaho .....	1	10	45	35	9
Oregon .....	29	31	28	11	1
Washington.....	4	14	39	42	1
Spring wheat					
Idaho .....	-	9	66	19	6
Oregon .....	16	38	26	19	1
Washington.....	7	32	38	22	1
Barley					
Idaho .....	-	6	58	28	8
Oregon .....	12	12	38	35	3
Washington.....	6	21	48	25	-
Oats					
Idaho .....	-	7	64	13	16
Oregon .....	2	2	20	72	4
Potatoes					
Oregon .....	3	5	24	42	26
Washington.....	-	-	69	30	1
Corn					
Oregon .....	-	8	20	64	8
Dry edible beans					
Washington.....	11	11	49	29	-
Onions					
Idaho .....	-	-	-	95	5
Oregon .....	-	5	26	49	20
Washington.....	-	-	100	-	-
Sugarbeets					
Idaho .....	-	5	16	49	30
Oregon .....	-	-	10	80	10
Dry edible peas					
Idaho .....	-	8	48	36	8
Oregon .....	17	25	17	33	8
Washington.....	4	16	55	25	-

- Represents zero.

### Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 05/23/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat emerged .....	82	72	84	76
Winter wheat headed .....	6	4	14	14
Barley emerged .....	77	67	79	77
Oats emerged .....	74	68	74	61
Potatoes planted .....	90	85	88	90
Potatoes emerged .....	34	23	34	31
Sugarbeets emerged .....	77	60	72	(NA)
Field corn planted .....	90	82	86	83
Field corn emerged .....	54	39	49	51
Dry edible beans planted .....	75	63	76	62
Dry edible beans emerged .....	54	39	57	(NA)
Dry edible peas emerged .....	86	70	78	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting .....	12	4	5	11

(NA) Not available.

### Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 05/23/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat headed .....	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat headed .....	65	46	46	39
Barley emerged .....	95	93	97	91
Barley headed .....	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats emerged .....	94	92	94	84
Potatoes emerged .....	63	58	71	59
Field corn planted .....	87	80	89	85
Field corn emerged .....	74	58	68	60
Dry edible peas emerged .....	95	93	98	(NA)
Onions emerged .....	92	89	94	83
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting .....	26	13	15	28

(NA) Not available.

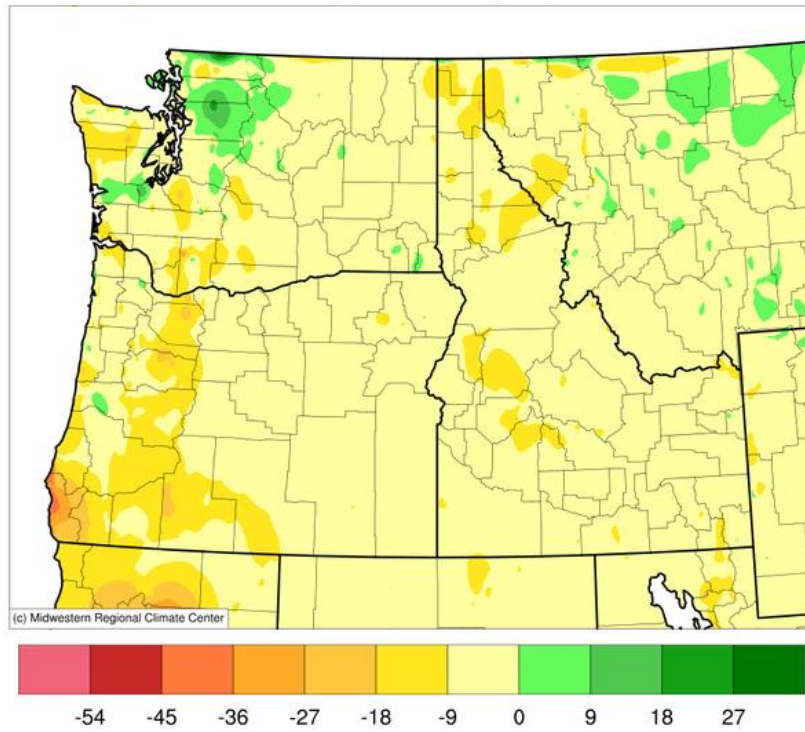
### Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 05/23/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat emerged .....	86	84	86	83
Winter wheat headed .....	25	10	27	32
Barley emerged .....	82	79	80	74
Oats planted .....	82	70	94	75
Oats emerged .....	50	34	54	44
Potatoes emerged .....	68	41	70	(NA)
Field corn planted .....	86	80	95	90
Field corn emerged .....	47	32	84	71
Dry edible beans emerged .....	82	74	82	(NA)
Dry edible peas planted .....	89	85	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas emerged .....	69	65	94	(NA)
Onions emerged .....	92	79	94	81
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting .....	25	10	42	39

(NA) Not available.

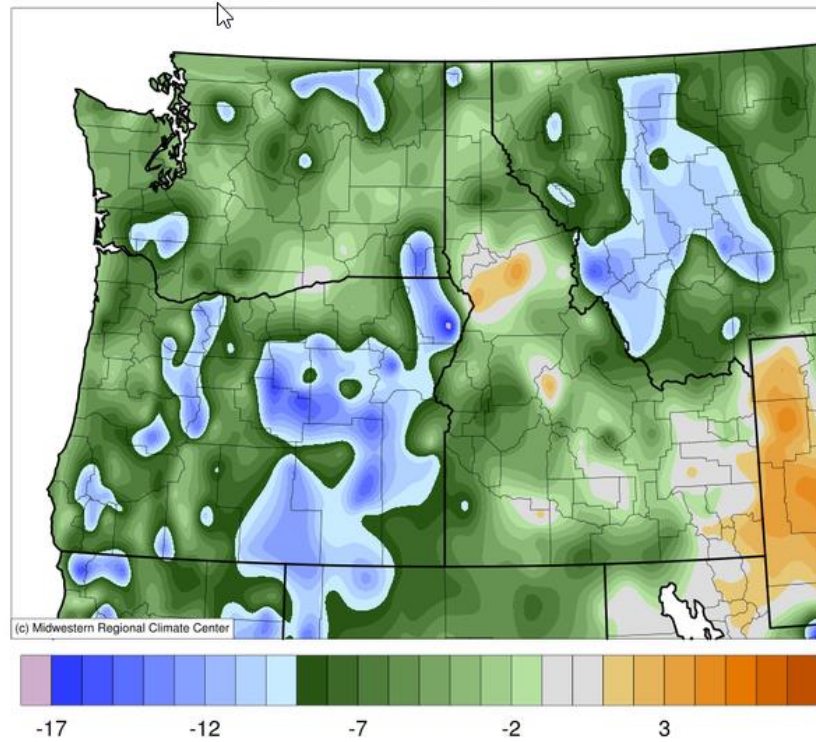
**Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**

October 01, 2020 to May 23, 2021



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

May 17, 2021 to May 23, 2021



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