



Crop Progress and Condition



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Hot, Dry and Some Wildfire Smoke Reported in Idaho

There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork, up from 6.1 reported the previous week. Most of Idaho reported little to no moisture. Temperatures varied from near normal to slightly above average. Northern Idaho was dry and windy weather continued throughout the week. In addition, widespread haze was reported from forest fires. Almost all of the grain harvest was done. Below average yields were reported for spring planted and winter planted grains. Pastures were extremely dry as well. In southwest Idaho, potato digging began. Livestock producers continued supplementing their animals with hay. In south central Idaho, the weather was warm and dry. Crop progress continued to look good for all crops on irrigated lands. Some dry beans started to turn color. Grain harvest started to wrap up. In Teton County, second cutting of alfalfa hay was reported on several fields last week.

Hot and Dry Conditions Persisted in Oregon with Smoke

There were 6.6 days suitable for field work, down from 6.8 the previous week. In Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties, drought conditions persisted. In Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, some precipitation helped the corn silage. Some grass silage was harvested. Irrigation occurred on fields where water was available. Fields in the lowlands that had sub-irrigation available looked good. North central Oregon continued to be hot. Harvest was completed in the area. Pastures struggled. In Baker and Grant Counties, conditions were hot, dry and smoky. In Umatilla and Wallowa Counties, conditions remained dry with excessive heat. In southwest Oregon, heat caused stress to remaining irrigated crops in the field. Orchard and vineyard crops were irrigated nonstop. Foliar burn and sunburn damaged apple crops, and blueberries were picked earlier because of softness. Field work was done in the early morning or even at night. In Malheur County, dry conditions continued. Smoky conditions slowed down harvest. Early onion and potato harvest continued. In Lake County, thunderstorms and dry lightning moved in and caused a new wildfire. Producers in the north end of the county continued to bale their second cutting of alfalfa hay. In Klamath County, thick smoke made the entire week unsuitable for field work. Pastures continued to deteriorate. Planted crops looked healthy despite smoke and heat.

Dry and Hot Conditions Continued Throughout Washington

There were 7.0 days suitable for field work, up from 6.9 days the previous week. Statewide temperatures for the week were above normal. In Jefferson County, the weather remained very dry and warm. Crops were one to two weeks ahead in maturity compared to an average year. Non-irrigated crops showed stress from the drought. Grass regrowth shut down and there were no late pasture cuttings. Crops on lighter soils really suffered. In San Juan County, a little rain was received, but it did not improve plant life. Wildfire smoke lowered air quality throughout the area. In Chelan County, farmers made good progress planting the 2022 winter wheat crop. More wildfires took over the area and grew rapidly with dry fuels and hot temperatures. Orchardists evaluated their crop damage from previous heat waves. In Yakima County, hot and dry weather continued throughout the area. A major forest fire continued to grow and approached nearly 17,000 acres. Peaches and other stone fruits were harvested. In Whitman County, conditions were extremely dry. Pasture and crop conditions continued to deteriorate. Seeding throughout the area was pushed back.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/15/21

Item and State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	43	34	23	-
Oregon.....	78	12	10	-
Washington.....	72	25	3	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	42	38	20	-
Oregon.....	75	16	9	-
Washington.....	58	35	7	-

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/15/21

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	28	40	20	12	-
Oregon	67	20	11	2	-
Washington.....	78	17	4	1	-
Spring wheat					
Idaho	11	33	27	20	9
Barley					
Idaho	5	14	22	44	15
Oats					
Idaho	12	23	24	27	14
Potatoes					
Idaho	-	3	7	67	23
Oregon	-	3	28	45	24
Washington.....	-	29	58	13	-
Corn					
Idaho	-	1	6	59	34
Oregon	-	4	18	67	11
Washington.....	6	13	50	28	3
Dry edible beans					
Idaho	6	35	23	32	4
Washington.....	5	23	65	7	-
Onions					
Idaho	-	-	20	75	5
Oregon	-	2	24	54	20
Washington.....	-	30	69	1	-
Sugarbeets					
Idaho	-	-	5	48	47
Oregon	-	-	10	80	10
Dry edible peas					
Idaho	7	30	26	34	3

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 08/15/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	57	37	40	38
Winter wheat harvested	86	71	56	69
Barley harvested	59	40	42	47
Oats harvested	59	39	48	46
Potatoes harvested	7	2	5	3
Field corn dough	64	40	41	60
Field corn dented	24	3	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans harvested.....	1	(NA)	2	3
Dry edible peas harvested	49	32	9	28
Onions harvested.....	5	1	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	50	38	36	41
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 08/15/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	84	75	52	60
Winter wheat harvested	95	92	86	88
Barley harvested	85	80	56	57
Oats harvested	85	77	53	55
Potatoes harvested	28	23	21	29
Dry edible peas harvested	90	89	95	89
Onions harvested.....	7	4	8	7
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	62	47	50	47

(NA) Not available.

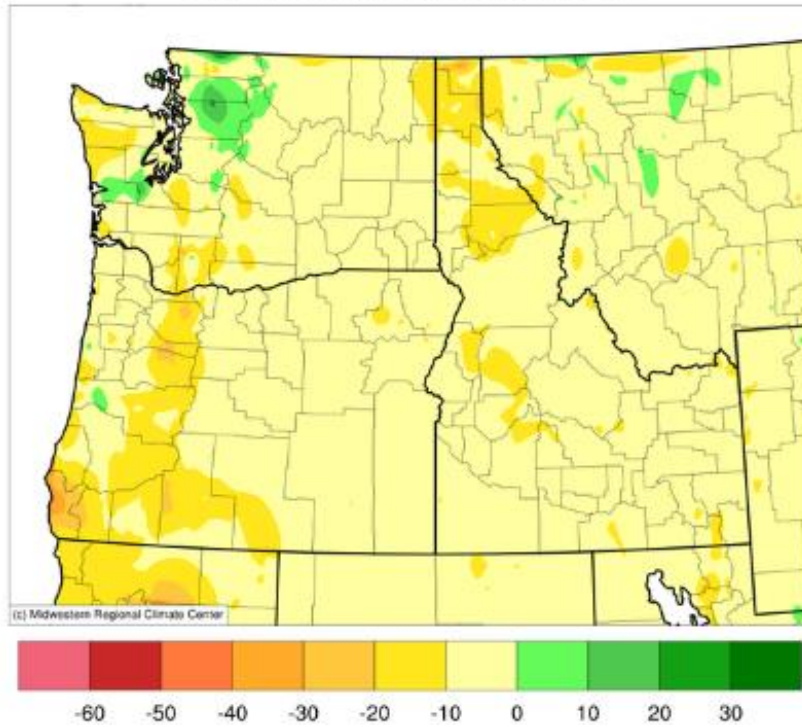
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 08/15/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	62	57	33	38
Winter wheat harvested	92	84	70	73
Barley harvested	67	62	43	43
Oats harvested	63	54	37	38
Potatoes harvested	26	19	32	23
Field corn silking	95	86	85	89
Field corn dough	30	26	38	37
Field corn dented	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas harvested	64	59	58	69
Onions harvested.....	12	8	31	19
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	50	36	46	62
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

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

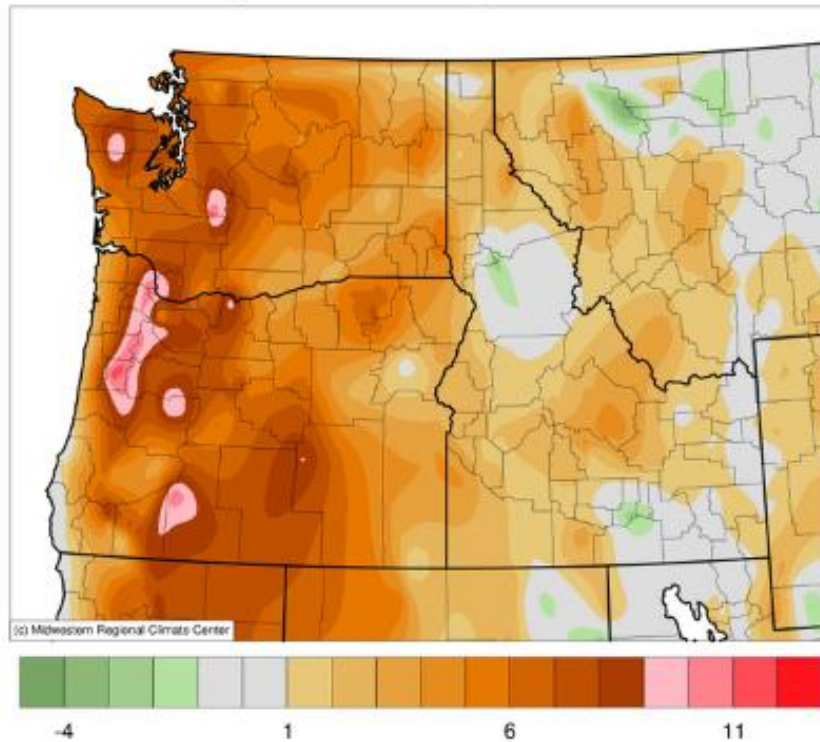
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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

August 09, 2021 to August 15, 2021



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