



Crop Progress and Condition



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Idaho Spring Planting Progress Started at a Normal Pace

There were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho last week. Idaho topsoil and subsoil moisture levels, and pasture and range conditions exhibited strain from a drier than normal winter. Several regions of the State reported early irrigation concerns. All parts of the State reported the need for timely moisture to support spring planted crops. The majority of winter wheat was reported in fair to good condition. Calving was in full swing statewide. Spring planting was underway in the south central and southwest portion of the State. Major activities in south central Idaho included hauling manure, tillage, planting cereal grains, sugarbeets, and potatoes. The weather was cooler with several nights at or below freezing last week. Cold nights and cold soil temperatures slowed the planting of spring crops. The wind rapidly removed the little moisture there was in the topsoil, especially in tilled ground. Winter cereals, alfalfa, and pastures needed some timely moisture for newly planted spring crops. Irrigation companies planned to turn on water later than normal with reduced flows. Parts of northern and eastern Idaho reported melting snow and standing water. Spring planting was still a few weeks away. Several growers in Bonneville County received notices from irrigation companies about water reduction by June 15.

Warm and Dry Weather in Oregon

There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week. In northwest Oregon, soil conditions were drier than normal. Pasture and crop conditions remained good. Temperatures were cool to mild with mixed rain and sun. Wheat and grass seed growth was substantial. Horticultural crops were getting spring crop protection coverage. In Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, manure was spread out and the grass grew as the temperatures increased. In north central Oregon, there was a little more moisture in the area. In southwest Oregon, Douglas County was in D3 drought. In Malheur County, the weather was warm and dry, which allowed planting and fieldwork to continue. Windy conditions limited spraying later in the week. Warm, windy weather depleted topsoil moisture. Most onion, sugarbeet, and potato plantings were completed. Early planted sugarbeets began to emerge. Onion fields with access to wells were irrigated to help with germination. A shortage of irrigation water prompted many growers to substitute corn or other long season crops for shorter season or cover crops such as small grains. In Lake County, precipitation stood below normal. Most producers completed their spring calving. In Klamath County, conditions remained very dry. Water allocation was still unknown.

Spring Planting in Full Swing Throughout Washington

There were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week. Statewide temperatures were above normal. In San Juan County, berry and fruit trees were popping blossoms. Stockpiled feed from last year was slowly disappearing, but pastures were too wet for turnout and seasonal grazing. In Klickitat County, cattlemen began to move herds out of pastures. Spring seeding was in full swing. In Yakima County, crop production areas dropped below freezing, which caused wind machines to protect the delicate bud tissues of fruit trees. Apricots were in post bloom, while plums, cherries, peaches, and some pear varieties were entering full bloom. Apples and pears were leafing out, and fruit buds were swelling in size. Irrigation districts released water into the canals, and fruit producers were in the process of removing weeds and debris from the canals. In Adams County, the western edge of the county remained very short in topsoil and subsoil moisture. With very short moisture, this left winter wheat in poor condition. In Walla Walla County, moisture was needed, but winter crops looked good and spring crops were planted.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/03/22

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	2	40	50	8
Oregon.....	31	27	40	2
Washington.....	6	24	67	3
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	2	42	51	5
Oregon.....	24	44	30	2
Washington.....	14	35	49	2

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/03/22

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	-	13	37	47	3
Oregon.....	21	51	19	9	-
Washington.....	2	51	19	28	-
Winter wheat					
Idaho.....	6	2	47	43	2
Oregon.....	-	4	64	31	1
Washington.....	2	7	26	61	4

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 04/03/22

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	7	(NA)	15	11
Barley planted.....	12	(NA)	15	13
Oats planted.....	3	(NA)	7	8
Potatoes planted.....	5	(NA)	5	3
Sugarbeets planted.....	13	(NA)	15	12
Dry edible peas planted.....	14	(NA)	10	7
Onions planted.....	75	(NA)	16	21

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 04/03/22

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	33	(NA)	40	31
Spring wheat emerged.....	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barley planted.....	22	(NA)	30	22
Oats planted.....	18	(NA)	17	18
Potatoes planted.....	20	(NA)	27	18
Sugarbeets planted.....	75	(NA)	14	27
Dry edible peas planted.....	33	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Onions planted.....	60	(NA)	49	32

(NA) Not available.

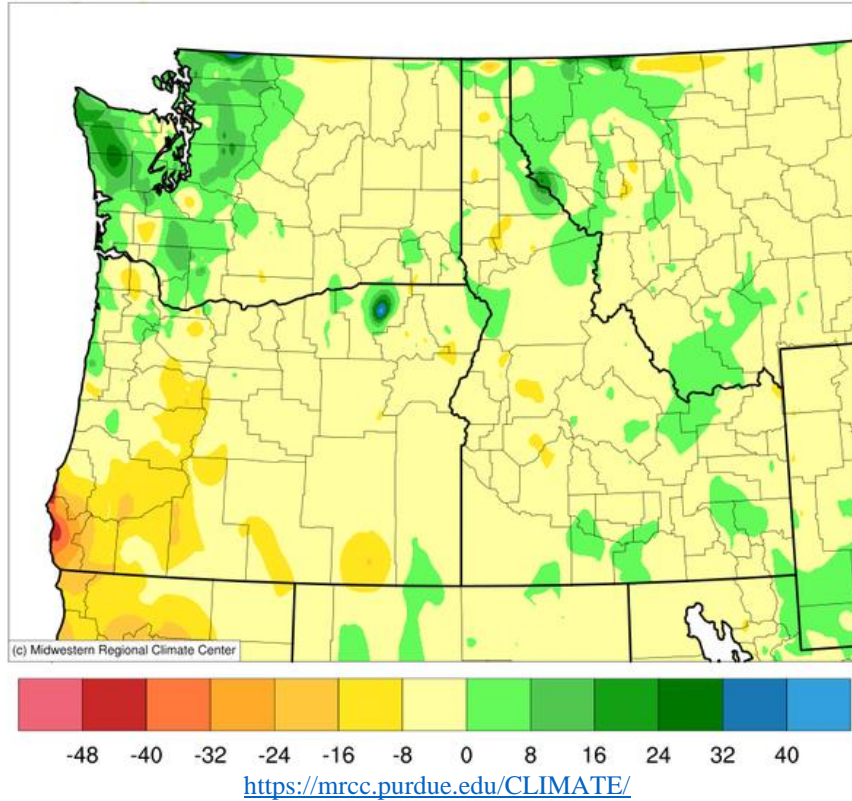
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 04/03/22

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	27	(NA)	14	17
Spring wheat emerged.....	4	(NA)	0	0
Barley planted.....	21	(NA)	9	11
Potatoes planted.....	15	(NA)	17	14
Dry edible peas planted.....	25	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Onions planted.....	10	(NA)	12	14

(NA) Not available.

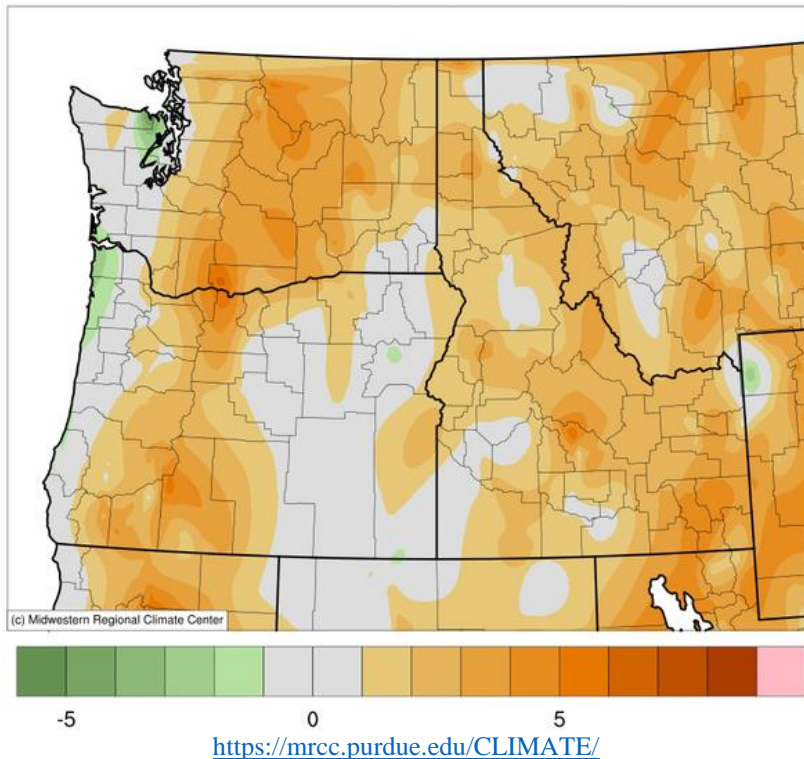
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

October 01, 2021 to April 03, 2022



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

March 28, 2022 to April 03, 2022



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