



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Cooler, Fall Weather for Idaho

Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.3. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 9% very poor, 21% poor, 34% fair, 30% good, and 6% excellent. Low temperatures were reported at 31 degrees Fahrenheit in the south central region and a high temperature of 87 degrees Fahrenheit in the southwest region with a statewide temperature differential of 3 degrees to 12 degrees above normal. Most crops were harvested across the state. Winter wheat planting activity was in full swing, while many earlier plantings had emerged. Northern Idaho continued to have dry weather. The bean harvest neared completion in the area. Southern Idaho had rain and cool temperatures. The weather conditions slowed the potato harvest in the southeast. Cattle were coming off the summer range and calves were being weaned and sold. Fall tillage progressed well. Franklin County reported moisture conditions were good. There had not been a hard frost yet so crop condition was still excellent. Warm days helped crops continue to grow. Madison County reported the alfalfa looked great. The state onion harvest neared completion. The sugarbeet harvest was still in the early days. Overall, Idaho crops remained in good condition as the state continued through the season.

## Dry Weather for Washington Harvest

There were 7.0 days suitable for work. Pasture conditions were reported as 36% very poor, 21% poor, 24% fair and 19% good. Scattered rain showers continued throughout western Washington benefiting soil moisture. Good cranberry harvest was reported, although there was some concern about adequate water for harvest. U-Pick pumpkin farms and corn mazes were all ready for Halloween season. Apple, corn, green chop, and silage harvest continued throughout the week. Warm temperatures encouraged grass growth. Drought conditions slowed emergence of 2016 winter wheat crop throughout central Washington. Livestock producers continued to haul water to livestock. No concerns were reported regarding crop damage or cattle loss due to weather conditions. Fall activities continued with cleanup, repairs, hay hauling, and field prep. Cattle continued to be brought off mountain range. No precipitation was reported in east central Washington. Continued high temperatures during summer impacted crop yields. Weather benefited fall harvest. Fourth cutting of hay continued. Apples, onions, carrots, Concord grapes, potatoes, and corn silage were all in harvest. Buckwheat swathing and dry bean harvest continued throughout the district. Respondents continued to report the need for precipitation throughout eastern Washington.

## **Mild Weather Accelerated Harvests in Oregon**

There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 29% very poor, 39% poor, 26% fair, and 6% good. In the northwestern region, mild weather was reported and dry conditions continued. Hay continued to be fed to cattle. Hay in storage was less than some would need over the winter. Water was applied to perennial crops. Grapes and hazelnut harvests looked good. Tomatoes and peppers were still ripening. Fall raspberries and apples were doing well. Pumpkins and squash had heavy powdery mildew. Brown marmorated stink bugs were reported in large numbers in the Lebanon and Eugene areas. Pumpkins were abundant. Grass seed producers in Lane County chose to wait for moisture before drilling fall planted grass seed or winter wheat. Silage corn harvest was complete. Washington County reported fifth cutting of alfalfa was complete. Fields were prepared for fall planting. Sweet corn harvest wound down and squash harvest started. Cattle and buffalo were doing well on supplemental feed. Wine grape harvest was ongoing. The low temperature was 41 degrees, with a high of 73 degrees. In the northcentral region, fair and dry conditions prevailed throughout the week. Winter pear harvest wrapped up in the upper Hood River Valley and late maturing apples remained to be harvested. Postharvest cleanup was underway throughout the valley. Some wheat seeding started, but most producers were waiting due to dry conditions. In the northeastern region, potato and onion harvest continued. Farmers worked on dusting in fall wheat. The southeastern region last cuttings of alfalfa and grass hay were harvested. Range and grasslands were dry with little or no water in streams or dams. Light showers were reported across Central Oregon on Saturday, but not enough to affect downed hay. Bend broke a record of 139 frost free days, which made for a long growing season. Temperatures were slightly warmer than usual. Many producers gathered cattle from summer pastures and weaned calves. Carrots were harvested. Potato and onion harvest continued. Some cattle were shipped out to feedlots. Temperatures dropped into the twenties at night in the eastern part of the county. In the southwestern region, another dry week allowed wine grape harvest to progress rapidly. Pear harvest was complete. Most cover crops, grass seed, and grain crops were not yet planted due to dry conditions. Filbert harvest neared completion. The week was sunny and warm with no precipitation.

**Soil Moisture and Irrigation Water Supply — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/04/15**

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	11	35	48	6
Oregon .....	36	48	16	-
Washington.....	26	37	36	1
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	14	37	49	-
Oregon .....	41	47	12	-
Washington.....	31	42	27	-

- Represents zero.

**Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/04/15**

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Potatoes					
Idaho .....	1	3	13	68	15
Corn					
Idaho .....	-	-	11	82	7
Oregon .....	1	1	35	56	7
Washington.....	-	3	43	45	9

- Represents zero.

**Weekly Weather Statistics — Idaho: September 28 - October 4, 2015**

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation			
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days
					Total	DFN							
<b>NORTH</b>													
Coeur d' Alene .....	36	80	57	+3	53	+20	0.00	-0.28	0	0.45	-0.83	35	6
Fenn .....	37	81	58	+4	58	+18	0.00	-0.50	0	1.51	-0.93	62	8
Lewiston .....	40	81	63	+6	92	+40	0.01	-0.20	1	0.66	-0.27	71	6
Bonnars Ferry .....	36	73	55	+5	39	+19	0.04	-0.24	1	0.45	-0.87	34	6
Nezperce .....	29	78	55	+4	40	+18	0.01	-0.27	1	1.25	-0.22	85	10
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>													
Boise .....	42	87	63	+5	92	+36	0.31	+0.16	6	1.24	+0.39	146	15
Emmett .....	41	84	62	+4	87	+32	0.12	-0.02	1	0.77	-0.02	97	7
Glenns Ferry .....	43	87	63	+7	91	+48	0.30	+0.16	3	1.08	+0.51	189	6
Grand View .....	39	87	62	+6	86	+41	0.26	+0.12	2	0.66	-0.01	99	5
Nampa .....	43	85	63	+7	93	+49	0.08	-0.04	3	0.52	-0.10	84	6
Parma .....	44	84	64	+9	98	+56	0.01	-0.13	1	0.43	-0.30	59	6
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>													
Fairfield .....	31	81	55	+5	39	+21	0.64	+0.50	3	1.38	+0.61	179	6
Malta .....	36	85	60	+7	69	+41	0.16	-0.03	2	0.82	-0.18	82	7
Picabo .....	37	82	59	+10	67	+50	0.44	+0.28	3	1.23	+0.45	158	7
Rupert .....	41	84	60	+7	71	+38	0.23	+0.11	2	0.49	-0.22	69	5
Twin Falls .....	44	85	61	+8	80	+49	0.13	-0.01	2	0.41	-0.32	56	5
<b>EAST</b>													
Aberdeen .....	42	82	59	+9	66	+48	0.46	+0.25	1	0.93	+0.04	104	4
Ashton .....	38	81	57	+7	52	+36	0.46	+0.18	2	1.13	-0.21	84	6
Fort Hall .....	42	84	60	+10	73	+52	0.32	+0.11	2	1.05	+0.09	109	4
Idaho Falls .....	40	82	60	+9	71	+49	0.63	+0.43	3	1.15	+0.28	132	7
Lava Hot Springs .....	43	81	61	+9	76	+51	0.59	+0.38	4	3.29	+2.15	289	9
Monteview .....	34	79	57	+8	54	+37	0.03	-0.11	2	0.25	-0.44	36	7
Preston .....	45	84	64	+12	100	+72	0.40	+0.05	3	2.62	+1.11	174	7
Rexburg .....	35	83	57	+8	49	+32	0.77	+0.56	1	1.14	+0.15	115	4

**Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 10/04/15**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted .....	60	35	60	60
Winter wheat emerged .....	32	9	20	18
Potatoes harvested .....	59	46	56	52
Sugarbeets harvested .....	34	15	25	18
Field corn harvested for grain .....	25	24	37	10
Field corn harvested for silage .....	68	58	79	58
Dry edible beans harvested .....	92	87	83	82
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting .....	62	54	63	57

**Weekly Weather Statistics — Washington: September 28 - October 4, 2015**

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation			
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days
					Total	DFN							
<b>WEST</b>													
Bellingham.....	38	72	56	+2	44	+13	0.00	-0.50	0	2.57	+0.67	135	12
Everett.....	47	68	56	+2	44	+11	0.01	-0.55	1	2.07	-0.34	86	14
Hoquiam.....	43	75	59	+3	63	+17	0.00	-0.94	0	2.78	-0.66	81	11
Kelso.....	43	79	59	+2	67	+18	0.00	-0.63	0	1.13	-1.55	42	10
Olympia.....	36	75	54	+0	32	+2	0.01	-0.60	1	1.03	-1.36	43	9
Sea-Tac.....	48	73	59	+3	64	+17	0.00	-0.49	0	0.82	-1.09	43	8
Shelton.....	34	75	57	+2	51	+11	0.00	-0.75	0	2.90	-0.01	100	13
Tacoma.....	37	73	55	-2	35	-5	0.08	-0.41	1	1.48	-0.51	74	10
Vancouver.....	40	82	60	+2	72	+11	0.03	-0.41	1	1.75	-0.16	92	10
<b>CENTRAL</b>													
Ellensburg.....	30	82	60	+7	69	+41	0.00	-0.07	0	0.04	-0.46	8	2
Omak.....	45	81	62	+8	83	+46	0.00	-0.14	0	0.01	-0.61	2	1
Stampede Pass.....	31	63	47	-2	2	-11	0.20	-0.85	1	3.30	-1.46	69	12
Wenatchee.....	44	82	64	+7	102	+53	0.00	-0.07	0	0.41	-0.06	87	2
Yakima AP.....	36	84	61	+8	81	+48	0.00	-0.07	0	0.01	-0.42	2	1
<b>NORTHEAST</b>													
Colville.....	38	77	57	+6	55	+32	0.07	-0.14	1	0.67	-0.47	59	8
Deer Park.....	28	82	56	+6	47	+27	0.05	-0.23	1	0.38	-0.95	29	5
Kettle Falls.....	35	77	57	+5	52	+22	0.16	-0.12	2	0.57	-0.80	42	6
Spokane.....	38	79	59	+7	68	+40	0.06	-0.08	1	0.59	-0.25	70	3
<b>EAST CENTRAL</b>													
Ephrata.....	42	82	63	+6	95	+41	0.00	-0.07	0	0.26	-0.15	63	4
Lind.....	36	82	60	+5	71	+30	0.00	-0.14	0	0.56	-0.04	93	3
Moses Lake.....	38	83	61	+4	79	+25	0.00	-0.07	0	0.17	-0.24	41	4
Quincy.....	36	80	60	+4	75	+29	0.00	-0.07	0	0.40	-0.08	83	5
Ritzville.....	33	80	59	+4	62	+25	0.01	-0.13	1	0.95	+0.27	140	4
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>													
Hanford.....	44	81	63	+3	90	+18	0.00	-0.07	0	0.06	-0.32	16	2
Lake Bryan Rice.....	40	84	64	+10	98	+62	0.02	-0.14	1	0.69	-0.01	99	3
Pasco.....	33	80	60	-1	70	+5	0.04	-0.06	1	0.20	-0.21	49	5
Pullman.....	35	80	58	+5	56	+27	0.00	-0.21	0	0.64	-0.36	64	3
Silcott Island.....	43	84	65	+8	106	+54	0.00	-0.21	0	0.50	-0.43	54	3
Walla Walla.....	42	77	61	+0	77	+9	0.01	-0.26	1	1.00	+0.01	101	6
Whitman Mission.....	30	77	56	+1	42	+5	0.05	-0.16	2	0.98	+0.17	121	8

**Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 10/04/15**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	66	59	72	76
Winter wheat emerged.....	48	37	56	57
Potatoes harvested.....	68	62	74	69
Field corn dented.....	83	75	82	77
Field corn mature.....	41	33	38	36
Field corn harvested for grain.....	21	13	15	11
Field corn harvested for silage.....	76	69	70	50
Onions harvested.....	88	84	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	78	73	57	56

(NA) Not available.

## Weekly Weather Statistics — Oregon: September 28 - October 4, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation			
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					Total	DFN							
<b>COASTAL AREAS</b>													
Astoria .....	44	77	58	+3	58	+19	0.00	-0.82	0	2.13	-0.96	69	12
Bandon .....	39	75	55	-1	39	-2	0.03	-0.46	1	0.77	-1.14	40	8
Florence .....	37	81	54	-4	34	-15	0.02	-0.72	1	0.83	-1.88	31	6
North Bend .....	43	75	57	+0	49	+3	0.00	-0.57	0	0.50	-1.56	24	3
Tillamook .....	35	81	56	+2	45	+9	0.00	-1.10	0	1.68	-2.64	39	9
<b>WILLAMETTE VALLEY</b>													
Aurora .....	44	82	61	+4	76	+24	0.00	-0.51	0	1.05	-1.02	51	7
Corvallis .....	40	81	59	+1	61	+5	0.00	-0.42	0	1.68	-0.03	98	8
Detroit Lake .....	40	86	61	+4	82	+26	0.09	-0.82	1	1.56	-2.24	41	11
Eugene .....	38	82	59	+2	65	+16	0.02	-0.40	1	0.78	-1.00	44	7
Hillsboro .....	41	81	59	+0	62	+5	0.00	-0.42	0	0.86	-0.93	48	10
McMinnville .....	40	82	59	+2	65	+10	0.00	-0.42	0	1.20	-0.41	75	8
Portland .....	46	81	62	+4	87	+26	0.02	-0.42	1	1.28	-0.63	67	9
Salem .....	40	82	60	+3	72	+20	0.00	-0.42	0	1.13	-0.54	68	5
<b>SOUTHWESTERN VALLEYS</b>													
Grants Pass .....	42	88	61	+4	80	+20	0.00	-0.28	0	0.20	-0.83	19	3
Medford .....	43	90	65	+5	110	+37	0.00	-0.21	0	0.25	-0.65	28	4
Roseburg .....	45	87	64	+4	101	+24	0.03	-0.25	1	0.40	-0.83	33	5
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>													
Condon .....	34	78	57	+4	47	+20	0.09	-0.09	2	0.74	-0.03	96	8
Echo .....	31	80	58	+0	55	+3	0.15	+0.08	2	0.35	-0.17	67	4
Heppner .....	38	75	57	+0	48	+4	0.10	-0.11	1	0.26	-0.54	33	3
Hermiston .....	31	80	58	+1	60	+8	0.17	+0.10	1	0.39	-0.13	75	3
Madras .....	36	77	56	+2	39	+5	0.03	-0.11	1	0.07	-0.50	12	2
Moro .....	33	79	57	+3	49	+16	0.05	-0.09	2	0.05	-0.55	8	2
Parkdale .....	33	82	57	+4	50	+19	0.03	-0.32	2	0.65	-0.66	50	5
Pendleton .....	36	77	58	+0	55	+3	0.01	-0.16	1	0.82	+0.11	115	6
Prairie City .....	30	86	55	+7	37	+25	0.01	-0.20	1	0.74	-0.38	66	8
The Dalles .....	38	81	63	+3	90	+21	0.00	-0.14	0	0.05	-0.55	8	2
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b>													
Agency Lake .....	26	82	52	+2	24	+4	0.00	-0.16	0	0.35	-0.35	50	2
Bend .....	29	78	54	+4	34	+12	0.00	-0.07	0	0.48	-0.05	91	4
Burns .....	30	83	57	+8	48	+31	0.00	-0.14	0	0.59	+0.01	102	7
Christmas Valley .....	26	82	50	+1	15	-4	0.00	-0.14	0	0.24	-0.33	42	5
Klamath Falls .....	29	81	53	+2	33	+6	0.00	-0.09	0	0.08	-0.51	14	2
Lakeview .....	26	80	51	-3	21	-11	0.02	-0.18	1	0.56	-0.32	64	7
Lorella .....	21	84	51	-3	18	-4	0.01	-0.13	1	0.24	-0.44	35	4
Redmond .....	29	79	52	-3	22	-14	0.03	-0.04	1	0.10	-0.31	24	3
Worden .....	31	80	53	+0	26	-1	0.00	-0.09	0	0.22	-0.17	56	2
<b>NORTHEAST</b>													
Baker City .....	26	84	56	+4	41	+17	0.06	-0.08	1	0.74	-0.07	91	6
Joseph .....	32	81	56	+5	39	+18	0.00	-0.21	0	0.84	-0.41	67	4
La Grande .....	27	82	58	+5	59	+24	0.00	-0.21	0	0.85	-0.11	89	4
Imbler .....	29	84	58	+5	55	+28	0.01	-0.27	1	0.90	-0.30	75	7
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>													
Ontario .....	43	85	65	+9	103	+57	0.00	-0.08	0	0.45	-0.07	87	5
Rome .....	39	87	61	+7	79	+44	0.64	+0.50	2	0.95	+0.37	164	5

Summary based on NWS data.

Season cumulative precipitation starts: September 1, 2014.

DFN = Departure from normal.

NA = Data not available.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Precipitation days= Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more.

Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

Normals period 1971-2000 used in DFN calculations.

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Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted .....	27	21	34	37
Winter wheat emerged.....	3	2	12	13
Potatoes harvested.....	79	76	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain .....	43	15	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for silage .....	75	69	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans harvested .....	96	92	(NA)	(NA)
Onions harvested .....	93	91	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting .....	90	78	90	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

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