



Crop Progress and Condition



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Warmer Weather than Expected

Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.8. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 10% very poor, 21% poor, 33% fair, 30% good, and 6% excellent. Low temperatures were reported at 33 degrees Fahrenheit in the south central region and a high temperature of 95 degrees Fahrenheit in the southwest region with a statewide temperature differential of 7 degrees to 13 degrees above normal. Most crops were harvested across the state. Winter wheat planting activity was well underway, while some counties had almost finished. The state dry bean harvest was wrapping up with most participating counties nearing completion. Idaho had unseasonably warm weather throughout the state. The warm weather stalled the sugarbeet harvest in southern Idaho counties. Jerome County reported that growers needed some cold to set sugar. Producers did not want to pile too many beets in the 80+ degree weather. Fall tillage was well underway. The nice weather favored most farming activities. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties reported irrigation water was expected to go out in the following couple of weeks. Southeastern Idaho potato harvest was mostly finished up. The local cattle were moving off the summer range to fall pastures. Caribou County reported most winter wheat was planted and fall field work was starting. Overall Idaho crops continued to be in good condition as the state geared up for fall activities.

Great Fall Weather for Washington Harvest

There were 6.8 days suitable for work. Pasture conditions were reported as 31% very poor, 25% poor, 24% fair, 19% good and 1% excellent. Growing conditions and pastures continued to improve throughout western Washington. Corn harvest neared completion. Western Washington saw little to no frost, thus extending late vegetable crops for some producers. Dry weather benefited the dry harvest cranberry farmers. However, lack of water has impacted producers who utilize wet harvest for cranberry crop. Pumpkin farms and corn mazes continued to be busy throughout the week. Chestnuts continued to ripen and were ready for harvest. Light precipitation was received throughout central Washington, benefiting soil conditions. Livestock producers continued to supplement feed and haul water to livestock. There were no reports of crop damage or cattle loss due to weather conditions. Emerged wheat fields were in need of rain going into winter. Cattle settled into winter pastures after their trek off mountain range. Farm weatherization and garden clean up continued. Apple harvest continued for later varieties such as Fuji and Red Delicious. Vegetable harvest began to slow down. Tomatoes, peppers and winter squashes continued to make their way into fruit and vegetable stands. Hop harvest was winding up in Yakima County. Temperatures were slightly above normal with very little precipitation throughout the east central district. Onion, potato, carrot, buckwheat, field corn, corn for silage, apple, and wine grape harvest continued throughout the week. Southeast Washington continued to report mostly dry conditions. Fall work continued throughout the district. Whitman County reported some producers were waiting to seed because of needed precipitation.

Light Rains Improved Pastures and Fall Planting Conditions for Some Counties

There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 29% very poor, 38% poor, 26% fair, and 7% good. In the northwestern region, Columbia County reported pastures improved if not previously overgrazed. Most fields were prepped for fall grain planting. Late season vegetable harvest continued and small fruit harvest was mostly done. Conditions were still dry in Lane County. Filbert harvest continued. Field corn and sweet corn harvest was complete. Winter wheat was drilled and fall planted essential oil seeds were planted on fields with irrigation capabilities. Apple and winter pear harvest continued. Walnuts dropped and were harvested. Pumpkins looked good. Tomatoes and pepper were still ripening. Washington County reported the fifth cutting of alfalfa was complete. Fall wheat planting was ongoing and corn silage was mostly done. Filbert harvest continued, while walnuts were almost ready. Pumpkins and other squash were harvested and at farmers markets. Cover crops were incorporated and irrigation continued where possible. All cattle were doing well and pastures improved with rain. The high temperature was 75 degrees Fahrenheit and the low temperature was 46 degrees Fahrenheit. The northcentral region reported fair weather with mostly dry and warm temperatures. Postharvest orchard cleanup was conducted throughout the valley. Sherman and Wasco Counties reported seeding was underway for cereal crops. The northeastern region also reported warm and dry conditions. In Umatilla County, light rains made it favorable for fall wheat seeding and potato harvest continued. The southeastern region reported six fields of timothy and orchard grass had armyworm problems. There was no precipitation reported. The southwestern region reported that harvest was winding down. Wine grape harvest was about 80 percent complete with the remaining crop expected to be out of the field next week. Bird pressure was high this year. Filbert harvest was complete. Fall grass seed and grain crops were planted, but nothing had germinated due to lack of significant rain.

Soil Moisture and Irrigation Water Supply — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/11/15

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	12	34	50	4
Oregon	37	42	21	-
Washington.....	24	42	33	1
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	13	36	43	8
Oregon	43	43	14	-
Washington.....	23	43	34	-

- Represents zero.

Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/11/15

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Potatoes					
Idaho	1	3	13	68	15
Corn					
Idaho	-	-	11	81	8
Oregon	1	1	35	59	4
Washington.....	-	5	41	45	9

- Represents zero.

Weekly Weather Statistics — Idaho: October 5 - October 11, 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							
NORTH													
Coeur d' Alene	39	79	59	+7	63	+46	0.06	-0.22	1	0.51	-1.05	33	7
Fenn	39	79	59	+7	61	+37	0.45	-0.09	2	1.96	-1.02	66	10
Lewiston	44	83	64	+10	100	+65	0.06	-0.15	1	0.72	-0.42	63	7
Bonnars Ferry	34	76	56	+8	43	+33	0.16	-0.12	2	0.57	-1.03	36	7
Nezperce	38	81	58	+10	56	+44	0.09	-0.19	2	1.34	-0.41	77	12
SOUTHWEST													
Boise	43	92	64	+9	99	+59	0.06	-0.08	3	1.30	+0.31	131	18
Emmett	43	90	64	+9	100	+63	0.02	-0.12	1	0.62	-0.31	67	7
Glenns Ferry	42	91	64	+11	103	+76	0.02	-0.12	2	1.09	+0.38	154	7
Grand View	40	95	64	+11	103	+74	0.01	-0.09	1	0.67	-0.10	87	6
Nampa	43	90	64	+11	101	+70	0.02	-0.05	1	0.49	-0.20	71	6
Parma	42	87	63	+11	94	+68	0.01	-0.13	1	0.44	-0.43	51	7
SOUTH CENTRAL													
Fairfield	34	82	56	+7	42	+33	0.02	-0.12	2	1.40	+0.49	154	8
Malta	33	90	60	+10	73	+56	0.01	-0.20	1	0.81	-0.40	67	7
Picabo	38	83	60	+13	70	+61	0.00	-0.17	0	1.23	+0.28	129	7
Rupert	38	86	59	+8	67	+46	0.03	-0.11	2	0.49	-0.38	56	7
Twin Falls	40	90	61	+11	81	+62	0.00	-0.14	0	0.41	-0.46	47	5
EAST													
Aberdeen	40	82	59	+11	64	+54	0.00	-0.21	0	0.93	-0.17	85	4
Ashton	36	79	55	+8	37	+29	0.02	-0.26	2	1.15	-0.47	71	8
Fort Hall	37	84	59	+10	62	+51	0.02	-0.19	2	1.05	-0.12	90	5
Idaho Falls	39	81	57	+9	52	+41	0.00	-0.21	0	1.15	+0.07	106	7
Lava Hot Springs	40	76	56	+7	47	+33	0.00	-0.21	0	3.58	+2.23	265	8
Montevue	35	79	55	+8	38	+30	0.01	-0.13	1	0.26	-0.57	31	8
Preston	42	80	60	+10	69	+54	0.08	-0.29	1	2.70	+0.82	144	8
Rexburg	35	81	56	+9	43	+36	0.01	-0.20	1	1.15	-0.05	96	5

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 10/11/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	75	60	78	77
Winter wheat emerged	38	32	36	33
Potatoes harvested	76	59	79	74
Sugarbeets harvested	36	34	30	29
Field corn harvested for grain	35	25	41	14
Field corn harvested for silage	84	68	90	74
Dry edible beans harvested	96	92	96	92
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	67	62	72	68

Weekly Weather Statistics — Washington: October 5 - October 11, 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							
WEST													
Bellingham.....	40	70	58	+7	60	+42	0.81	+0.23	4	3.38	+0.90	136	16
Everett.....	50	68	60	+7	67	+46	1.10	+0.47	4	3.17	+0.13	104	18
Hoquiam.....	49	76	60	+6	73	+41	2.02	+0.91	4	4.80	+0.25	105	15
Kelso.....	43	82	62	+8	88	+53	0.73	+0.08	3	1.86	-1.47	56	13
Olympia.....	37	77	58	+7	55	+38	1.34	+0.64	4	2.37	-0.72	77	13
Sea-Tac.....	49	74	60	+6	73	+42	1.53	+0.99	4	2.35	-0.10	96	12
Shelton.....	37	77	56	+4	47	+22	1.95	+1.06	4	4.85	+1.05	128	17
Tacoma.....	38	75	58	+5	59	+32	0.79	+0.21	4	2.27	-0.30	88	14
Vancouver.....	44	82	63	+7	91	+47	0.44	-0.06	3	2.19	-0.22	91	13
CENTRAL													
Ellensburg.....	36	77	59	+9	67	+54	0.03	-0.06	2	0.07	-0.52	12	4
Omak.....	38	76	58	+7	55	+36	0.17	+0.03	1	0.18	-0.58	24	2
Stampede Pass.....	32	62	48	+3	2	+1	1.95	+0.82	3	5.25	-0.64	89	15
Wenatchee.....	47	75	60	+6	74	+46	0.04	-0.03	1	0.45	-0.09	83	3
Yakima AP.....	40	80	62	+11	83	+66	0.03	-0.05	2	0.04	-0.47	8	3
NORTHEAST													
Colville.....	38	73	58	+9	54	+44	0.33	+0.12	2	1.00	-0.35	74	10
Deer Park.....	29	75	56	+9	45	+36	0.16	-0.12	3	0.54	-1.07	34	8
Kettle Falls.....	36	71	56	+7	46	+31	0.15	-0.06	3	0.72	-0.86	46	9
Spokane.....	43	74	59	+9	65	+52	0.16	-0.04	3	0.75	-0.29	72	6
EAST CENTRAL													
Ephrata.....	42	80	60	+6	73	+40	0.09	+0.02	2	0.35	-0.13	73	6
Lind.....	37	76	59	+7	68	+45	0.09	-0.05	3	0.65	-0.09	88	6
Moses Lake.....	38	79	60	+5	68	+35	0.06	-0.01	2	0.23	-0.25	48	6
Quincy.....	41	81	61	+8	77	+51	0.25	+0.18	3	0.65	+0.10	118	8
Ritzville.....	43	76	59	+7	67	+47	0.06	-0.09	2	1.01	+0.18	122	6
SOUTHEAST													
Hanford.....	31	86	62	+5	85	+37	0.03	-0.04	1	0.09	-0.36	20	3
Lake Bryan Rice.....	43	88	65	+13	107	+87	0.21	+0.02	2	0.90	+0.01	101	5
Pasco.....	37	86	62	+5	84	+39	0.03	-0.08	2	0.23	-0.29	44	7
Pullman.....	34	79	61	+10	76	+59	0.26	-0.01	2	0.90	-0.37	71	5
Silcott Island.....	46	84	65	+11	108	+73	0.07	-0.14	2	0.57	-0.57	50	5
Walla Walla.....	45	83	63	+6	95	+46	0.07	-0.24	3	1.07	-0.23	82	9
Whitman Mission.....	34	82	58	+6	58	+36	0.08	-0.13	2	1.06	+0.04	104	10

Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 10/11/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	80	66	86	84
Winter wheat emerged.....	60	48	63	64
Potatoes harvested.....	75	68	80	77
Field corn dented.....	90	83	88	86
Field corn mature.....	52	41	59	54
Field corn harvested for grain.....	28	21	22	20
Field corn harvested for silage.....	87	76	80	65
Onions harvested.....	92	88	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	81	78	69	70

(NA) Not available.

Weekly Weather Statistics — Oregon: October 5 - October 11, 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							
COASTAL AREAS													
Astoria	47	81	60	+7	75	+46	1.26	+0.29	4	3.39	-0.67	83	16
Bandon	48	72	59	+4	63	+28	0.49	-0.10	2	1.26	-1.24	50	10
Florence.....	45	77	60	+5	68	+30	0.87	-0.03	2	1.70	-1.91	47	8
North Bend.....	48	75	61	+6	79	+40	0.00	-0.70	0	0.50	-2.26	18	3
Tillamook	45	82	59	+6	63	+37	1.23	-0.01	4	2.91	-2.65	52	13
WILLAMETTE VALLEY													
Aurora.....	47	85	63	+8	92	+56	0.36	-0.22	3	1.41	-1.24	53	10
Corvallis.....	44	83	62	+7	85	+45	0.23	-0.24	1	1.91	-0.27	88	9
Detroit Lake	43	87	63	+9	95	+54	0.76	-0.28	1	2.32	-2.52	48	12
Eugene.....	42	84	64	+10	100	+66	0.16	-0.32	1	0.94	-1.32	42	8
Hillsboro.....	41	84	61	+6	80	+39	0.46	+0.03	3	1.32	-0.90	59	13
McMinnville	45	85	62	+7	89	+51	0.36	-0.14	3	1.56	-0.55	74	11
Portland	50	85	65	+9	107	+63	0.36	-0.14	3	1.64	-0.77	68	12
Salem	46	85	63	+9	95	+60	0.20	-0.30	3	1.33	-0.84	61	8
SOUTHWESTERN VALLEYS													
Grants Pass.....	42	89	67	+11	118	+73	0.03	-0.27	1	0.23	-1.10	17	4
Medford	47	90	68	+10	127	+72	0.00	-0.21	0	0.25	-0.86	23	4
Roseburg	49	91	68	+10	130	+68	0.07	-0.27	1	0.47	-1.10	30	6
NORTH CENTRAL													
Condon	38	78	60	+10	70	+55	0.21	+0.00	3	0.95	-0.03	97	11
Echo	37	84	62	+8	86	+53	0.04	-0.09	2	0.38	-0.27	58	5
Heppner.....	40	81	60	+6	72	+42	0.12	-0.09	3	0.38	-0.63	38	6
Hermiston	37	83	63	+8	90	+57	0.02	-0.11	2	0.41	-0.24	63	5
Madras.....	36	81	61	+9	76	+55	0.03	-0.11	3	0.10	-0.61	14	5
Moro	38	79	60	+8	68	+48	0.09	-0.05	2	0.14	-0.60	19	4
Parkdale	37	77	59	+8	63	+45	1.14	+0.77	3	1.78	+0.10	106	7
Pendleton	40	86	63	+8	89	+55	0.02	-0.18	1	0.84	-0.07	92	7
Prairie City.....	32	88	58	+12	57	+54	0.14	-0.04	3	0.87	-0.43	67	10
The Dalles	41	81	65	+7	103	+54	0.07	-0.08	1	0.12	-0.63	16	3
SOUTH CENTRAL													
Agency Lake.....	27	82	54	+6	34	+22	0.01	-0.17	1	0.36	-0.52	41	3
Bend	33	84	59	+10	64	+50	0.04	-0.06	1	0.52	-0.11	83	5
Burns	27	86	56	+9	46	+39	0.00	-0.14	0	0.59	-0.13	82	7
Christmas Valley.....	25	86	54	+7	33	+22	0.03	-0.11	1	0.27	-0.44	38	6
Klamath Falls.....	31	83	58	+8	58	+41	0.00	-0.14	0	0.08	-0.65	11	2
Lakeview.....	30	83	56	+6	47	+29	0.00	-0.21	0	0.56	-0.53	51	7
Lorella.....	24	86	56	+7	44	+32	0.00	-0.16	0	0.23	-0.61	27	3
Redmond.....	25	84	58	+6	56	+32	0.07	-0.02	1	0.17	-0.33	34	4
Worden.....	31	83	56	+6	45	+28	0.00	-0.14	0	0.22	-0.31	42	2
NORTHEAST													
Baker City.....	27	85	57	+9	53	+41	0.07	-0.04	1	0.81	-0.11	88	7
Joseph.....	36	79	58	+10	57	+46	0.07	-0.14	2	0.91	-0.55	62	6
La Grande.....	34	86	61	+10	78	+56	0.04	-0.17	2	0.89	-0.28	76	6
Imbler.....	32	87	59	+9	65	+48	0.02	-0.26	2	0.91	-0.57	61	8
SOUTHEAST													
Ontario.....	40	87	63	+10	90	+62	0.05	-0.02	1	0.50	-0.09	85	6
Rome.....	40	91	63	+11	92	+69	0.00	-0.14	0	0.95	+0.23	132	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 Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 10/11/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	48	27	61	55
Winter wheat emerged.....	4	3	21	22
Potatoes harvested.....	89	79	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets harvested.....	26	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain	54	43	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for silage	83	75	(NA)	(NA)
Onions harvested	95	93	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	95	90	95	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

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