



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Warm Summer Conditions Helped Corn Maturity and Stressed Range Conditions

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho last week, the same as reported the previous week. Temperatures were reported in the 90's and these warm, dry conditions allowed hay harvest to continue in much of the state. Pasture conditions were typical for this time of year, with some reported deterioration of grazing conditions. Grain harvest was anticipated to begin in the warmer parts of northern Idaho within the next couple weeks. In south central Idaho, irrigated pasture looked good, but grass was in the summer slump. Crops looked good and cereal harvest was in full swing. The heat units helped corn maturity. Some severe thunder storms with wind impacted the wheat harvest and standing corn in Cassia County. In parts of southeastern Idaho, the higher hay and forage prices were putting a strain on cattle producers. In Madison County, several grain producers reported frost during the flowering stage. The effects of cold temperatures during flowering and extent of the losses were yet to be determined. There was also some reported stress in the form of melanism that was not expected to impact end quality.

## Good Growing Summer Continued in Oregon

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon, up from 6.8 days the previous week. In Klamath County, alfalfa condition was strong, but second cuttings progressed slowly. Fields were cut, but had not been baled yet. Hemp progressed nicely and crop condition was good across the board. In Jefferson, Deschutes, and Crook Counties, spring wheat approached turning, a couple of hemp fields were planted, and a minor storm pushed through central Oregon. In southwest Oregon, irrigated crops progressed nicely, but cool evenings allowed powdery mildew to develop. Problems with vegetable crops, wine grapes, and ornamentals were reported. Apples and pears looked good and sized up nicely with minimal pressures from pests reported this year. Mild summer weather contributed to good quality and high yield vegetable harvest. In Umatilla County, spring canola looked strong. In Sherman, Wasco, and Hood River Counties, wheat was harvested everywhere. In Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, light drizzles were reported, yet soil quality was unaffected. Multnomah and Washington Counties reported modest rain and weather for horticultural crops was excellent, while irrigation was maintained. Grain harvest moved along. In Polk County, harvest of vegetables and small fruits continued. Winter crops were started in greenhouses and goat breeding season approached.

## **Folks across Washington Said “It’s a Hot One!” Last Week**

There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, up from 6.7 days suitable the previous week. In Clallam and Jefferson Counties, hot temperatures and declining soil moisture pushed crops towards declining condition. Shallow rooted crops and pastures showed the most stress. Corn and potato crops progressed, while most berry crops were harvested and farmers were harvesting grain. In San Juan County, an overnight rain temporarily replenished topsoil moisture. Pastures experienced little regrowth and a decline in condition. Berry harvest slowed down with the exception of blueberries. Early apples were a week out from harvest. Irrigation pond water levels dropped as CSA farmers required water. Farms that planted barley late were troubled by a lack of growth due to the drought conditions. Skagit and Snohomish Counties had unexpected rain that helped corn growers, but foiled the plans of producers with cut hay that had yet to be baled. Berry and seed producers were not helped by the rain. Pickling cucumbers were finally ready to harvest in Snohomish County. In Chelan and Douglas Counties, temperatures warmed up, soft fruit harvest continued, early apple harvest began, and winter wheat harvest was in full swing. Wildfires in Yakima County were put out or at least corralled last week and air quality improved dramatically. No crop damage was reported. Raspberry harvest slowed down due to heat. Peaches and blueberries were harvested and pears sized up. Apple growers sprayed protectants and laid ground fabrics to help their apples color. Vegetable stands were stocked with green beans, sweet corn, melons, peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, and summer squash. Vineyards colored and filled up. Heat dominated the landscape across southeast Washington last week and winter wheat harvest happened across the region. Yields were average to good in Columbia, Walla Walla, and Whitman Counties.

**Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/04/19**

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Pasture and range</b>					
Idaho .....	-	9	25	51	15
Oregon .....	5	27	37	31	-
Washington.....	8	22	42	28	-
<b>Winter wheat</b>					
Idaho .....	-	6	27	58	9
Oregon .....	4	15	21	46	14
Washington.....	1	3	25	63	8
<b>Spring wheat</b>					
Idaho .....	5	3	29	55	8
Oregon .....	3	18	29	44	6
Washington.....	1	2	37	53	7
<b>Barley</b>					
Idaho .....	-	3	14	72	11
Oregon .....	1	6	18	70	5
Washington.....	1	1	28	66	4
<b>Oats</b>					
Idaho .....	-	-	15	64	21
Oregon .....	-	-	26	72	2
Washington.....	-	1	36	62	1
<b>Potatoes</b>					
Idaho .....	-	-	11	46	43
Oregon .....	-	2	19	58	21
Washington.....	-	-	30	68	2
<b>Corn</b>					
Idaho .....	-	1	4	84	11
Oregon .....	1	2	17	69	11
Washington.....	-	-	52	43	5
<b>Dry edible beans</b>					
Idaho .....	-	-	34	64	2
Oregon .....	2	5	28	54	11
Washington.....	-	8	20	64	8
<b>Onions</b>					
Idaho .....	-	-	-	100	-
Oregon .....	-	-	23	64	13
Washington.....	-	-	37	45	18
<b>Sugarbeets</b>					
Idaho .....	-	-	13	54	33
Oregon .....	-	-	24	76	-
Washington.....	-	-	33	33	34
<b>Dry edible pea</b>					
Idaho .....	-	-	36	60	4

- Represents zero.

### Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/04/19

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	15	30	53	2
Oregon.....	16	50	34	-
Washington.....	16	36	48	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	15	23	60	2
Oregon.....	12	46	42	-
Washington.....	6	37	57	-

- Represents zero.

### Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 08/04/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested .....	1	-	5	16
Winter wheat harvested .....	15	6	45	46
Barley harvested .....	5	1	14	18
Oats headed .....	96	90	94	(NA)
Oats harvested .....	5	3	11	25
Potatoes harvested .....	-	-	1	2
Field corn silked .....	81	47	85	(NA)
Field corn doughed .....	21	-	38	(NA)
Dry peas harvested.....	5	3	3	21
Onions harvested.....	-	-	-	1
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting.....	73	65	84	84
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	7	-	19	23

-Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

### Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 08/04/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested .....	19	8	56	46
Winter wheat harvested .....	52	33	75	76
Barley harvested .....	21	13	47	43
Oats harvested .....	17	6	35	(NA)
Potatoes harvested .....	19	14	32	(NA)
Dry peas harvested.....	69	61	87	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting.....	87	77	95	90
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	19	2	13	22

(NA) Not available.

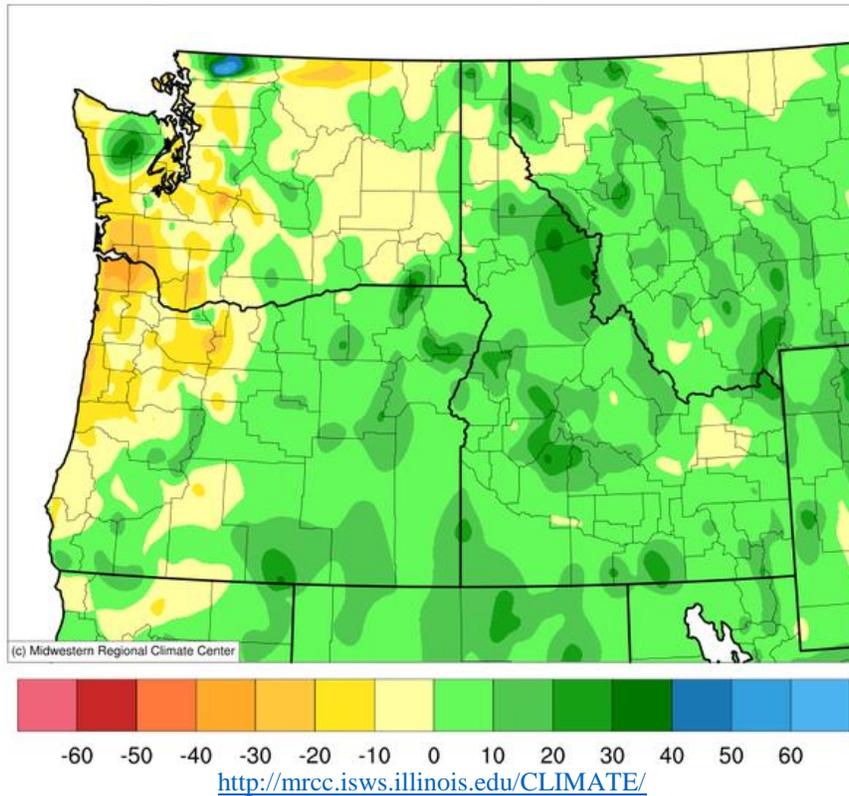
**Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 08/04/19**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested .....	10	2	15	29
Winter wheat harvested .....	35	19	46	58
Barley harvested.....	9	1	13	24
Oats headed.....	95	89	98	(NA)
Oats harvested .....	10	-	6	(NA)
Potatoes harvested.....	10	9	12	13
Field corn silked.....	70	54	87	75
Field corn doughed.....	15	3	33	27
Dry peas harvested.....	56	45	59	61
Onions harvested .....	2	-	13	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting .....	99	93	99	89
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting .....	45	27	60	(NA)

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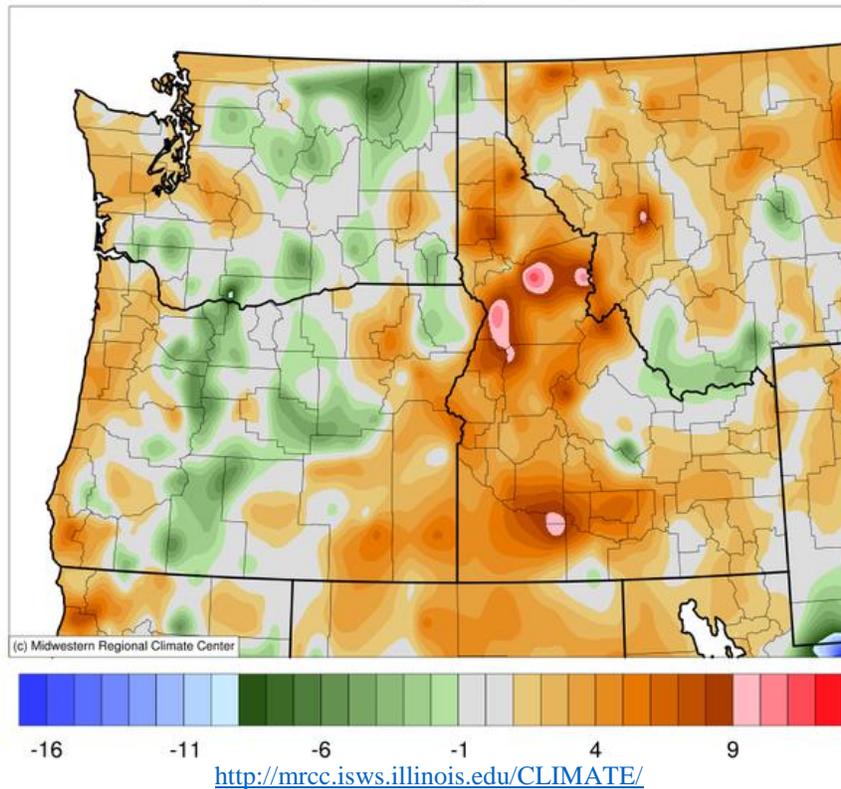
### Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

September 01, 2018 to August 04, 2019



### Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

July 29, 2019 to August 04, 2019



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