



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Idaho Farmers Pushed Hard to Get Potatoes Out of the Ground

There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho last week, down from 6.3 the previous week. A low pressure system from Canada moved into the state mid-week bringing high winds, low temperatures and snow. Reported temperatures were well below average. Idaho potato and onion farmers rushed to harvest crops. In south central and eastern Idaho, a hard freeze brought the growing season to an end. Growers worked hard to get potatoes harvested and stored in Jerome County. Several potato growers were concerned about possible damage to potatoes still in the ground. There were a few acres of alfalfa still in the field. Corn for silage harvest started to wrap up. A few acres of high moisture grain corn were also harvested. The main sugarbeet harvest was well underway. Irrigation water started to shut off in several districts. In Bingham County, the potato harvest also accelerated before a hard frost hit late in the week. Many alfalfa fields were harvested early to take off the final crop prior to the frost. The temperature in some places approached record lows for this time of year. Farmers also worked around the clock in Teton and Power Counties. Power County received 5 inches of snow on Wednesday. Growers in Power County were also worried about frost damage to potatoes that remained in the ground. Snow and freezing temperature were also reported in Lemhi County. In northern Idaho, Garbanzo bean harvest finally wound down in Benewah County. In Boundary County, grass was still green, but most vegetation was going dormant with nighttime temperatures well below freezing. Winter wheat was emerged county-wide.

## Autumn Weather Provided Good Harvest Conditions in Oregon

There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, up from 6.3 the previous week. In northern coastal Oregon, crop producers remained active with grain field work. Good soil temperatures and moisture were reported for germination. The weather in the Willamette Valley was mild and allowed farmers to get out to plant winter crops and spray. Final fields were being harvested of corn silage. Several silage fields were in the process of getting replanted with grass for winter cover and spring harvest. In north central Oregon, producers continued seeding wheat. The moisture in the ground was ideal. In northeastern Oregon, Union County reported the first county-wide hard freeze. The potato and corn harvest continued. In southwest Oregon, pasture areas and other fall forage crops were in very good shape and provided early support to livestock operations. The cool and damp early fall continued this week in Josephine County. This weather helped germinate fall planted grains and cover crops. The cool weather was not helpful to wine grape quality in this part of Oregon. Botrytis molds damaged some grapes waiting for harvest. Bottom ground vineyards with vigorous canopies were hit hardest. Fall harvested apple and pear crops were finishing nicely. Apple crop quality was excellent. Pear yields were down due to the heavy rains at pollination in April. In south central and southeastern Oregon, the potato and onion harvests started to wrap up. Very little precipitation was reported in this part of the state last week.

## First Freeze of the Year in Washington

There were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, up from 4.5 days suitable the previous week. Western Washington had its first freeze for the season. San Juan County had more rain and a cold wave with freezing temperatures. There was already standing water on recently harvested silage fields in Snohomish County. Producers were busy trying to beat the rain by harvesting crops and sowing cover crops. Ferry and Okanogan Counties had heavy dew every morning. There was only a trace of precipitation in Kittitas and Yakima Counties. Nighttime low temperatures fell below freezing in Yakima for many evenings. Winter squash was still out in the fields, but most vegetable harvest had wrapped up. Approximately 50% of the apple harvest was completed. Honey Crisps came in from higher elevations and Fuji apples were harvested in lower elevations. Cosmic crisps came into farmers' markets and sold out quickly. Pend Oreille and Spokane Counties had spring wheat, lentils, and garbanzos beans left to be cut. Some areas of Lincoln County received snow. Adams County producers caught up on dry bean harvest. Hay was put up. Some onions were caught in the freeze and were damaged. The Palouse also had freezing temperatures, which limited spraying and fall crop emergence. Fall crops were almost completely planted before the weather turned.

## Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/13/19

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	10	23	61	6
Oregon.....	7	17	75	1
Washington.....	-	24	73	3
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	15	25	60	-
Oregon.....	11	36	53	-
Washington.....	2	34	64	-

- Represents zero.

## Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/13/19

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	3	12	31	47	7
Oregon.....	3	32	36	25	4
Washington.....	5	16	30	47	2
Corn					
Idaho.....	-	3	7	81	9
Oregon.....	1	5	35	48	11
Washington.....	-	-	19	72	9
Sugarbeets					
Idaho.....	-	-	9	54	37
Oregon.....	-	4	36	60	-

- Represents zero.

### Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 10/13/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	72	58	82	82
Winter wheat emerged.....	39	27	46	47
Potatoes harvested.....	85	61	83	81
Sugarbeets harvested.....	33	28	37	38
Field corn mature.....	95	78	98	69
Field corn harvested for grain.....	28	15	57	38
Field corn harvested for silage.....	88	68	91	88
Dry edible beans harvested.....	83	71	99	97
Onions harvested.....	90	86	93	90
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	74	68	77	72

(NA) Not available.

### Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 10/13/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	76	57	50	60
Winter wheat emerged.....	32	23	14	21
Potatoes harvested.....	90	86	74	(NA)
Sugarbeets harvested.....	46	35	44	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain.....	49	28	30	(NA)
Field corn harvested for silage.....	67	58	70	(NA)
Dry edible beans harvested.....	99	90	94	(NA)
Onions harvested.....	90	84	74	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

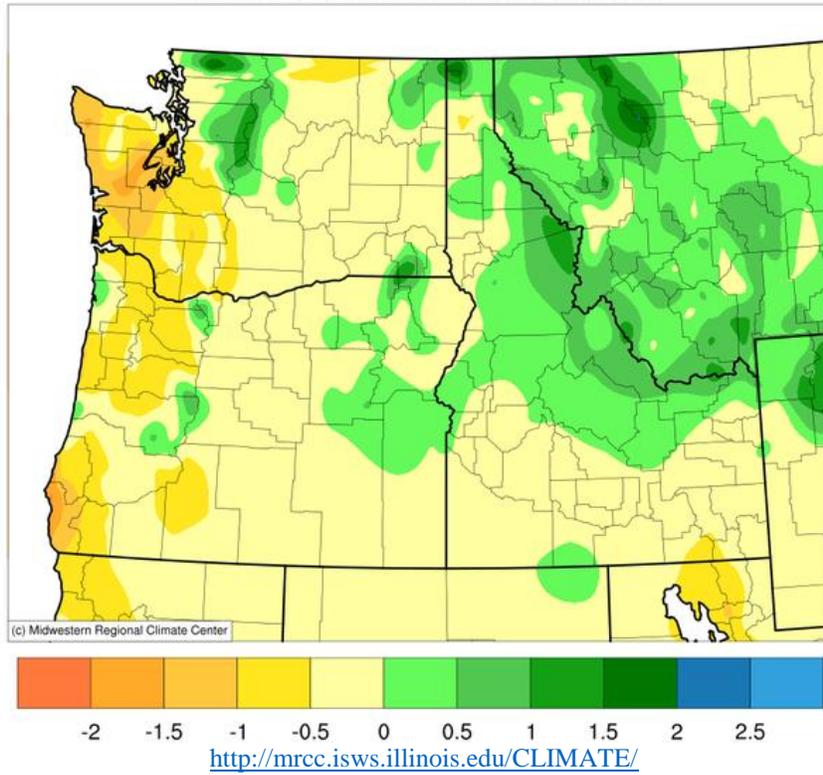
### Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 10/13/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	79	67	85	84
Winter wheat emerged.....	47	30	46	59
Barley harvested.....	93	90	100	100
Potatoes harvested.....	81	57	67	78
Sugarbeets harvested.....	79	75	41	(NA)
Field corn dented.....	97	93	96	90
Field corn mature.....	74	55	81	66
Field corn harvested for grain.....	12	2	51	32
Field corn harvested for silage.....	77	59	85	84
Dry edible beans harvested.....	86	85	95	98
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	74	72	69	82

(NA) Not available.

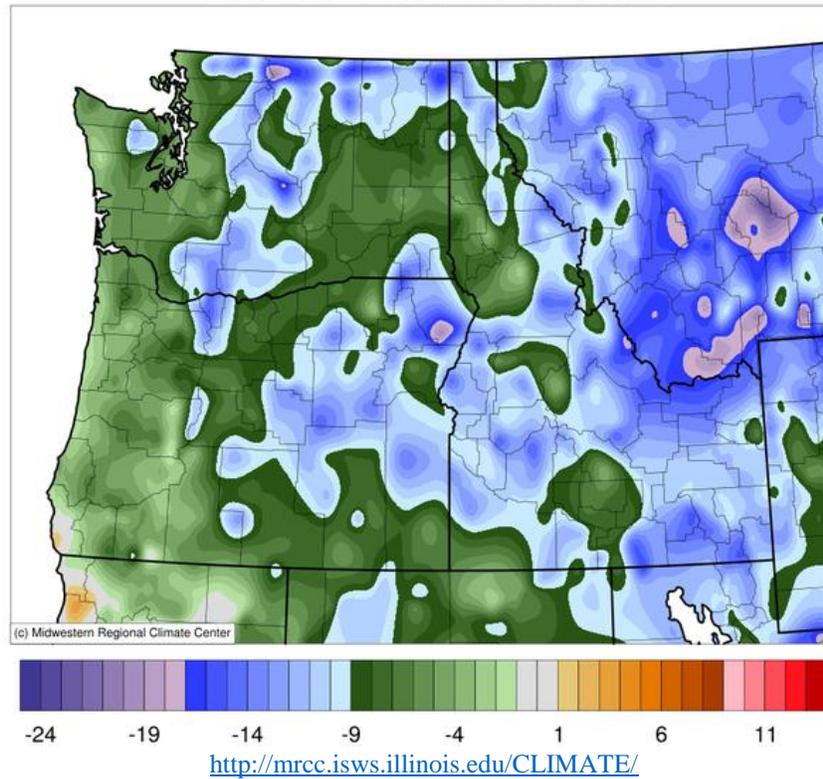
**Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**

October 01, 2019 to October 13, 2019



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

October 07, 2019 to October 13, 2019



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