



Crop Progress and Condition



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Drier Weather Was Great for Fieldwork in Idaho

Some drier weather helped producers continue spring fieldwork. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Benewah and Kootenai Counties had drier conditions, which allowed producers to continue fieldwork. Spring crops were planted throughout Boundary County. Grass greened up and lower elevation pastures were in excellent condition. Cereal crops looked good. Potatoes and beets were planted in Jerome and Twin Falls Counties. Sugarbeets were not emerged due to very cold weather. Corn planting was expected in the coming weeks as the weather warms. Irrigation water was on so soil moisture in irrigated systems were not anticipated to be an issue the rest of the season. All reporting counties in the eastern region experienced cold temperatures, which reached below freezing at night. Teton County reported that fields were still wet or snow covered. Heat units were needed to improve conditions.

Dry Weather Pattern Continued in Oregon

There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, down slightly from 6.6 day the previous week. Most of the state continued to observe a dry weather pattern for a third straight week. Several reporters in the state again expressed concerns over the lack of rainfall, potential fire and irrigation issues later this year. In northwest Oregon, things looked lush and green, but moisture was needed. Excellent weather was reported for crops and pasture growth. Soils started to dry out, but there was still enough of a buffer left for most horticultural crops. The dry weather supported good pollination and fruit set in blueberries and tree fruit. The dry weather also reduced spring moisture-driven disease issues. In Polk County, one variety of fall planted barley was already headed out. Fall planted cover crops looked good. Spring planted cover crops were planted. In Tillamook County, the first cutting of grass silage was harvested from fields planned for corn silage later this spring. In north central Oregon, producers were able to get out in the field most days to spray. The mornings were below freezing the majority of the week. Wheat looked good. Some cows were still calving, but most had finished. Cattle were moved off winter pastures. In northeast Oregon, warm and dry conditions persisted. Dry soil and crops were in need of a timely rain. Some stripe rust showed on susceptible grain varieties. Winter canola looked excellent. Union County reported freezing conditions several nights last week. In southwest Oregon, the lack of precipitation was concerning. There were reports of springs and stock water ponds without water. River levels were at June levels. Early irrigation cutoffs were a concern if the current rainfall pattern continued. Weather was dry enough that the first wrapped bales started appearing in grass and hay fields over the weekend. Orchard, berry, and nut crops were all actively growing. The dry weather during the past few months allowed soils to warm rapidly and push crops ahead of long term averages for the bloom period. This region of the state continued to be about 10 days ahead of average. Pollination was going very well with no rain and plenty of sunshine. In south central and south eastern Oregon, Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties observed no precipitation. The lack of moisture caused concerns for drought. Corn planting was going full speed in Malheur County and should be completed soon. Very little in the way of precipitation was observed over the past 30 days. Conditions on the range could deteriorate quickly without some additional precipitation.

Dry Conditions in Eastern Washington

There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, unchanged from the previous week. In western Washington, spring field cultivation and planting progressed well. Pastures looked good. Beef cattle were pastured and not being fed additional hay. There was excellent weather for field preparation. Some producers finished harrowing and some anticipated starting to harrow this week. Those who finished harrowing had moved on to chopping for silage or green chop. Many fields were tilled. Fruit trees, such as pears and plums, were blooming. In Benton County, wind caused haze and soil movement. Klickitat County reported it was very dry and crops were not looking good. In Yakima County, bloom was complete for peaches, nectarines, plums, cherries, and pears. Some apple varieties were in full bloom. Asparagus harvest was ongoing. Grape vines were showing green buds. More vegetable fields were prepared with irrigation and black plastic. In eastern Washington, it was dry in many places. Livestock conditions were favorable. There were lots of people working in the fields. Cold dry conditions caused limited frost damage in a few low-lying areas of the fields. Topsoil moisture conditions continued to dry. In Whitman County, frosts early last week caused injury to winter wheat, but it had recovered. Most emerged canola was killed and many producers started to replant. Legumes were planted.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/19/20

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	1	14	78	7
Oregon	9	26	64	1
Washington	13	37	48	2
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	1	5	80	14
Oregon	7	30	62	1
Washington	18	18	63	1

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/19/20

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	1	10	26	51	12
Oregon	1	24	25	40	10
Washington	7	5	24	55	9
Winter wheat					
Idaho	-	2	28	57	13
Oregon	2	5	25	27	41
Washington	-	3	25	62	10

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 04/19/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	54	42	34	45
Spring wheat emerged.....	6	(NA)	-	7
Winter wheat headed.....	-	-	-	1
Barley planted.....	42	32	39	51
Barley emerged.....	7	(NA)	6	14
Oats planted.....	41	34	24	32
Oats emerged.....	15	7	1	10
Potatoes planted.....	17	13	23	24
Sugarbeets planted.....	58	46	61	61
Sugarbeets emerged.....	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn planted.....	4	1	19	12
Dry peas planted.....	51	39	2	13
Dry peas emerged.....	16	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Onions planted.....	92	65	90	74
Onions emerged.....	45	10	(NA)	(NA)

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 04/19/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	82	69	42	68
Spring wheat emerged.....	48	20	(NA)	(NA)
Barley planted.....	78	55	34	61
Barley emerged.....	46	16	(NA)	(NA)
Oats planted.....	81	65	50	47
Oats emerged.....	49	22	17	18
Potatoes planted.....	72	50	54	43
Potatoes emerged.....	18	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets planted.....	86	83	58	50
Sugarbeets emerged.....	48	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn planted.....	36	12	15	14
Dry peas planted.....	88	78	67	46
Dry peas emerged.....	39	11	(NA)	(NA)
Onions planted.....	90	70	54	45
Onions emerged.....	42	12	(NA)	(NA)

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 04/19/20

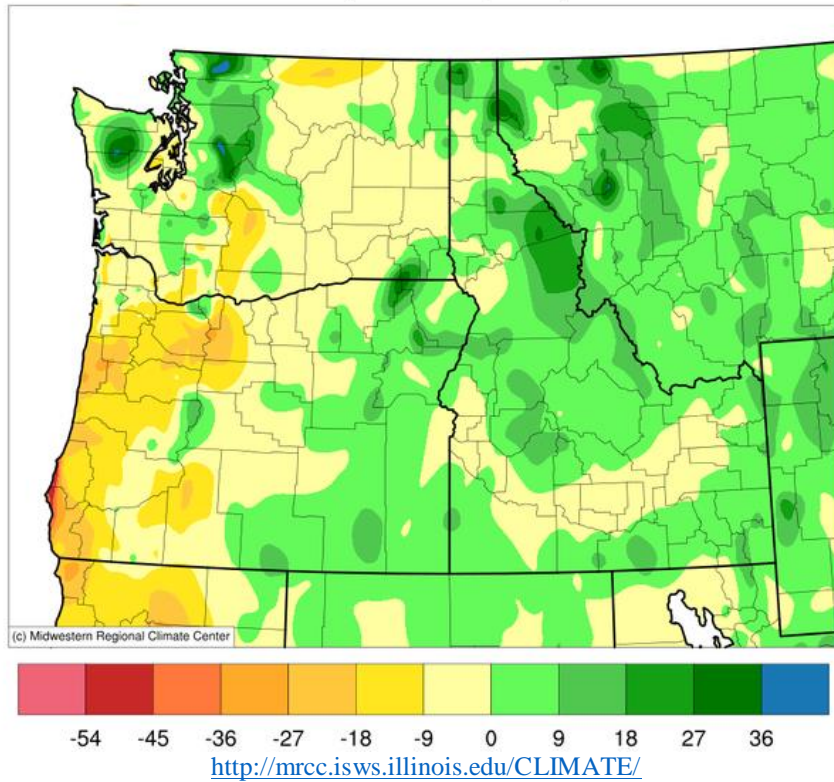
Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	78	57	24	49
Spring wheat emerged.....	47	20	-	14
Barley planted.....	70	50	19	30
Barley emerged.....	30	15	1	7
Oats planted.....	35	13	25	22
Oats emerged.....	1	-	1	8
Potatoes planted.....	44	36	28	47
Potatoes emerged.....	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets planted.....	50	15	36	(NA)
Field corn planted.....	13	1	14	18
Dry peas planted.....	52	27	12	28
Onions planted.....	38	30	38	57
Onions emerged.....	9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

- Represents zero.

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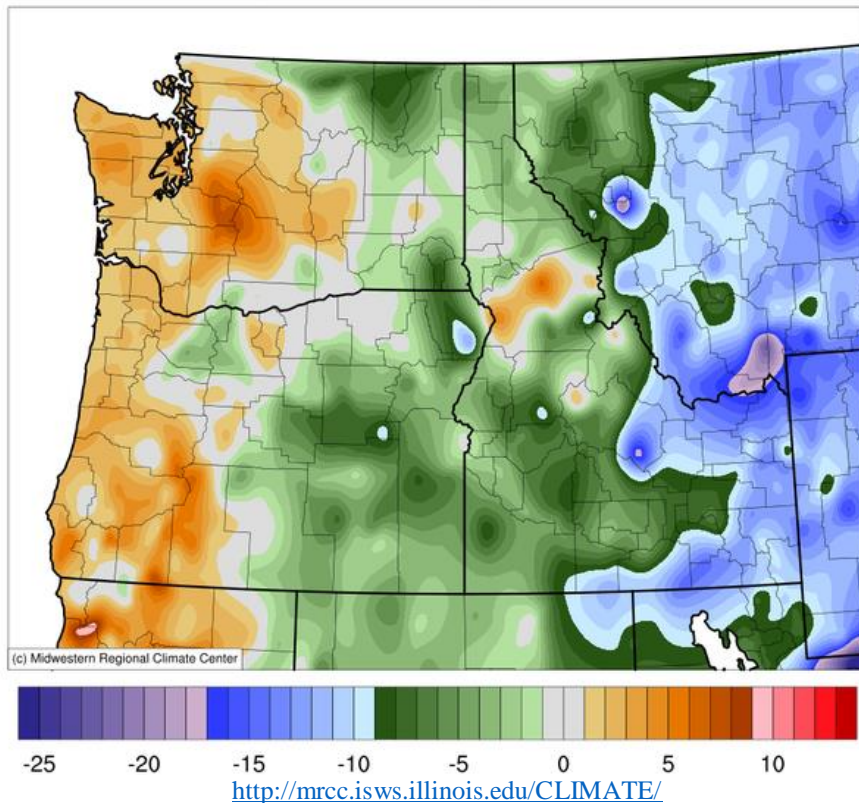
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2019 to April 19, 2020



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

April 13, 2020 to April 19, 2020



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