



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Cool Temperatures and Rain Aided Idaho

There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week, down from 6.3 days suitable the previous week. North Idaho received rain last week. Benewah and Kootenai Counties collected over an inch of rain during the week with about 0.4 inch on May 17. Rangeland and cropland were greening in Boundary County and were in good condition. Spring crop conditions improved due to the much needed precipitation. Calves were out on pastures and new seedlings of alfalfa emerged. Range in Cassia and Minidoka Counties was very dry with grass already short. Potatoes emerged in Jerome and Twin Falls Counties. Operators started spraying sugarbeets. Triticale was green chopped and corn was planted in those recently chopped fields. The first of the alfalfa hay fields had their first cutting. Lemhi County also received rain last week. Northeast Idaho had cool temperatures which continued to delay crop growth. Even with slow progress, crops were in mostly good condition with no reports of disease.

## Much Needed Precipitation Helped Crops in Oregon

There were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, down from 6.6 days the previous week. In northwest Oregon, weather was cooler but there were decent breaks for planting and crop protection activities. Spring showers and warm temperatures were great for pasture and hay production. Some farms have reported baling haylage this spring. Small vegetable farmers started to plant warm season crops. Grass silage continued to be harvested and corn silage crops were being planted during breaks in the weather. Early silage plantings were up. Clover silage was also made last week. In north central Oregon, several different thundershowers were received throughout the week. The precipitation was much needed and helped pastures and crops hang on a little longer. The cooler temperatures throughout the day also helped immensely. In northeast Oregon, much needed rainfall was received last week. Crops were doing better. Wheat was in the boot stage. Flag leaves had emerged on most stands of winter wheat. Growers were encouraged to watch for stripe rust on the flag leaf and treat if needed. Winter canola was doing great. Spring canola and mustard were doing fair to good. Coos and Curry Counties received ample rainfall last week, heavy at times, which helped the topsoil condition and grass stay green. In southwest Oregon, light rain was received last week. About half of an inch was received on over 80% of the crop areas. Some areas were down about 40% from the average yearly rainfall. River levels were at normal late June flows. Orchard, vineyard, berry crops, pastures, and forage crops continued to look good with just a few early reports of fungal diseases starting from the recent cool wet period. In Malheur County, the onset of rainy weather stopped all cutting of alfalfa last week. In Lake County, a significant amount of rain was received during the week and over the weekend. The county was at 70% of normal since the beginning of the water year on October 1. This improved the outlook for producers who depended on the creeks and spring rains for irrigation water for their hay and pasture crops. In Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties, precipitation was welcomed for a number of days. In Klamath County, inadequate irrigation supply affected spring crop planting. The rain last week helped improve some pastures, but the effects might not be long lasting. Pasture and alfalfa looked healthy.

## **Washington Crops Benefited from Some Nice Days and Rain**

There were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, down some from 5.9 the previous week. Planting progress wrapped up and good emergent progress was reported. In western Washington, a mix of rain and sunshine helped field crops stay healthy. In San Juan County, forage was almost ready for early haylage harvest. Livestock was on rotation for grazing. In Snohomish County, the first cutting of grass silage came off many fields. Last week, more field preparation was done and many fields were planted to get ahead of the predicted rains. Strawberries formed and some areas started to pick. Central Washington reported a mixture of results. The bunch grass range ground was in great shape in Okanogan County. With the increased moisture county wide, summer range was also in excellent shape. Klickitat County remained very dry. Hay crops appeared short. In Yakima County, the crop phenology appeared to slow down but matched last year's progress. Field crews thinned and pruned apple trees. Cherries showed straw yellow and some red color. Asparagus harvest continued. Crews trained hops to run up the trellis. Some vines reached as high as three feet. In northeast Washington, a wet week with heavy rains were reported. The precipitation also helped maintain current soil moisture conditions in east central Washington. In southeast Washington, winter wheat headed out; however, spring crops were still in need of more rain.

### Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 05/17/20

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	9	15	71	5
Oregon .....	10	28	61	1
Washington .....	7	22	66	5
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho .....	4	20	74	2
Oregon .....	16	43	41	-
Washington .....	6	20	71	3

- Represents zero.

### Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 05/17/20

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho .....	1	4	17	66	12
Oregon .....	5	26	38	27	4
Washington .....	7	6	34	49	4
Winter wheat					
Idaho .....	-	3	26	56	15
Oregon .....	6	16	25	43	10
Washington .....	-	1	16	71	12
Spring wheat					
Oregon .....	5	14	25	49	7
Washington .....	-	7	19	65	9
Barley					
Idaho .....	-	1	29	61	9
Oregon .....	2	6	25	63	4
Washington .....	-	6	14	70	10
Oats					
Idaho .....	-	-	17	69	14
Oregon .....	1	3	5	68	23
Washington .....	-	3	18	71	8
Potatoes					
Oregon .....	3	7	40	36	14
Corn					
Oregon .....	-	5	16	64	15
Washington .....	-	-	14	73	13
Onions					
Idaho .....	-	-	-	100	-
Oregon .....	1	2	20	65	12
Washington .....	-	3	30	39	28
Sugarbeets					
Idaho .....	-	2	13	70	15
Oregon .....	-	5	30	60	5
Dry edible peas					
Idaho .....	-	-	41	44	15
Oregon .....	8	15	23	46	8
Washington .....	-	-	5	83	12

- Represents zero.

### Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 05/17/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	96	92	87	90
Spring wheat emerged.....	72	41	49	69
Winter wheat headed.....	11	4	6	11
Barley planted.....	95	92	90	91
Barley emerged.....	63	45	56	70
Oats planted.....	83	76	73	78
Oats emerged.....	63	46	40	53
Potatoes planted.....	79	61	80	81
Potatoes emerged.....	29	5	21	(NA)
Sugarbeets planted.....	90	86	98	96
Sugarbeets emerged.....	71	54	66	(NA)
Field corn planted.....	84	55	74	71
Field corn emerged.....	47	15	40	38
Dry edible beans planted.....	70	57	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans emerged.....	47	17	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas planted.....	85	81	88	80
Dry edible peas emerged.....	73	53	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting.....	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

### Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 05/17/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat headed.....	25	18	8	23
Barley emerged.....	96	90	75	84
Oats emerged.....	93	91	76	68
Potatoes emerged.....	66	63	56	(NA)
Sugarbeets emerged.....	96	92	71	(NA)
Field corn planted.....	82	72	73	72
Field corn emerged.....	61	45	53	41
Dry edible beans planted.....	45	14	20	46
Dry edible beans emerged.....	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas emerged.....	97	91	66	(NA)
Onions emerged.....	90	85	74	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting.....	12	4	13	18

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

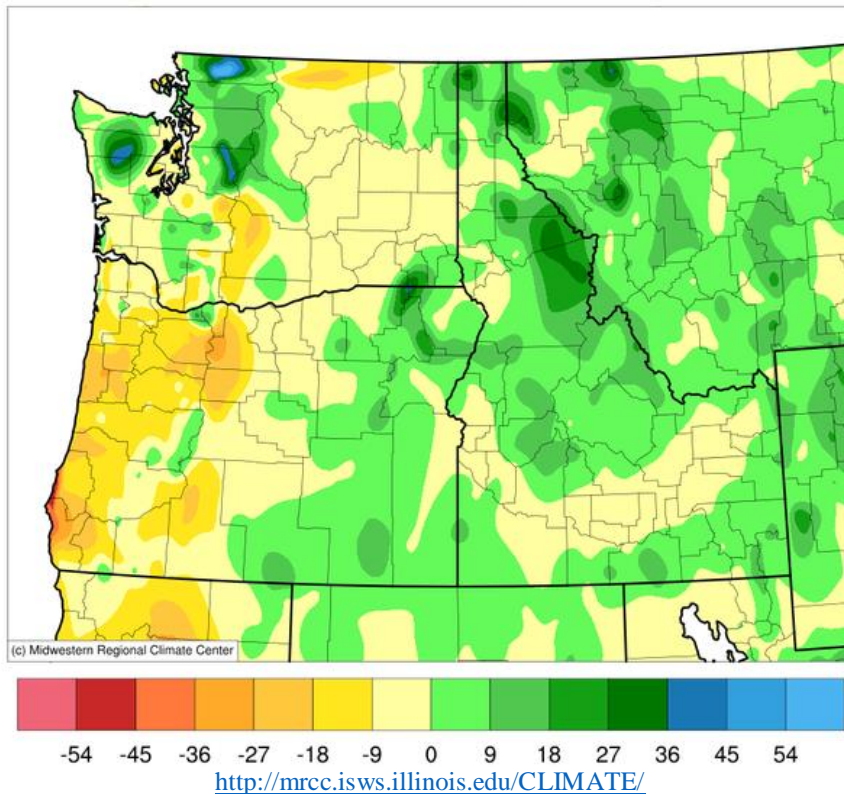
## Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 05/17/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat emerged .....	82	80	67	77
Winter wheat headed .....	20	9	8	23
Barley planted.....	95	94	75	86
Barley emerged .....	71	68	52	67
Oats planted .....	85	80	59	68
Oats emerged.....	50	40	32	35
Potatoes planted.....	98	86	93	94
Potatoes emerged.....	55	27	39	(NA)
Sugarbeets planted .....	99	75	100	(NA)
Sugarbeets emerged.....	25	12	19	(NA)
Field corn planted.....	93	82	80	83
Field corn emerged .....	78	50	55	52
Dry edible beans planted .....	92	88	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans emerged.....	64	24	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas emerged.....	88	58	40	(NA)
Onions planted .....	99	80	(NA)	(NA)
Onions emerged.....	67	41	80	62
Alfalfa hay 1st cutting .....	29	11	26	25

(NA) Not available.

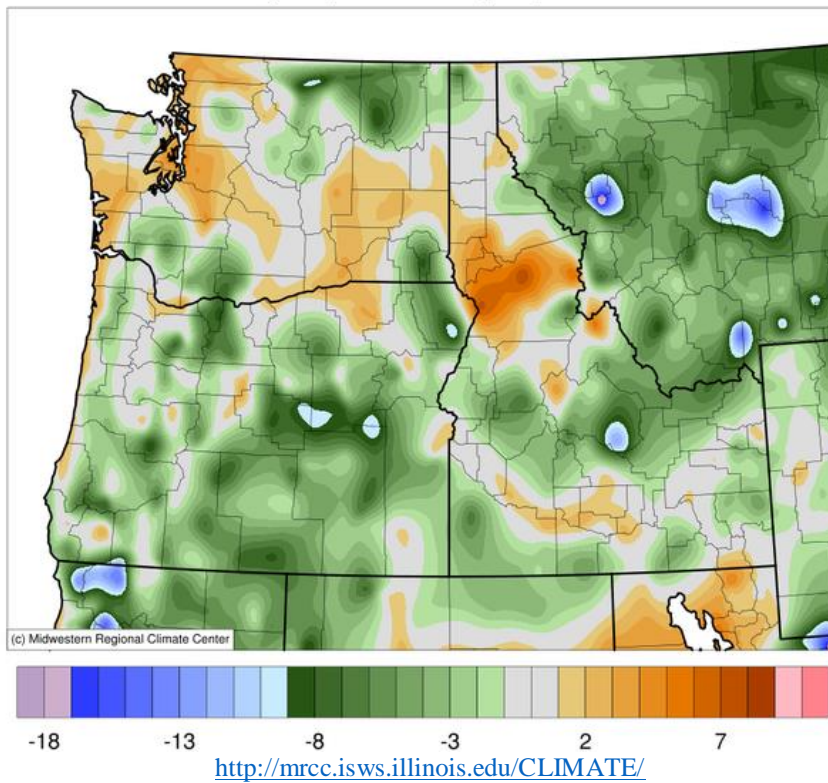
**Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**

October 01, 2019 to May 17, 2020



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

May 11, 2020 to May 17, 2020



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