



Crop Progress and Condition



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Warm, Dry Weather Continued in Idaho

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork, up from 6.8 days the previous week. Idaho weather remained warm and dry. In Boundary County, spring grain harvest was underway. Winter wheat harvest neared completion. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties reported warm and pleasant temperatures with some cool mornings. Potato harvest started on a few acres with several more acres vine killed and rolled. Hot and dry conditions persisted in Clark and Fremont Counties. Most pastures dried up. Feed was not plentiful. Grain harvest progressed well.

Warm and Dry Conditions throughout Oregon

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, down from 7.0 days the previous week. In northwest Oregon, dry weather continued and irrigation occurred where possible. Current grass silage harvest was only yielding light tonnage. Corn silage was tasseled and silked in many fields. Temperatures in the mid-90s put a lot of stress on irrigated crops. In north central Oregon, many producers finished their 2020 harvest. The first rain was received since the end of June. Pastures were drying up, but luckily emergency grazing opened up on CRP. In northeast Oregon, winter wheat yield was above average, but fields were extremely variable. Grass seed harvest was completed. Peppermint and winter wheat harvests were underway. Cooler temperatures last week gave welcome relief to previous hot, humid, and stormy weather. In southwest Oregon, temperatures moderated toward the end of the week. In places where irrigation was not cut off, pumping systems were running hard to keep as much ground moist as possible. Grazing was still fair to good on the bottoms, but hills dried up, except in the timber. Fire danger was raised to extreme on the south coast. Other crops looked mostly good with agreeable weather, especially under irrigation. Very low stream flows, springs, and stock ponds continued to dry up. In Malheur County, warm, dry conditions persisted. Onion and small grain harvests continued on schedule. In Lake County, there was thunderstorm activity throughout the week. Lightning sparked fires over the weekend. County precipitation was below average.

Another Good Week for Grain Harvest Reported in Washington

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, up from 6.8 reported the previous week. A cooler weather pattern gave way to much warmer temperatures late in the week. Several state records for high temperature were set on Sunday in the western portions of the state. The swing back to hot and dry weather had crop producers irrigating most crops that required moisture. More hay came off the fields. Almost everyone had irrigation guns going on corn. Snohomish Valley started harvesting grain. Some crops continued to display the effects of the excess moisture in May and June. Well-drained soils appeared to do much better. Upper elevation pastures continued to dry out in Okanogan County. Springs ran low and ponds dried up. High temperatures together with dry scrublands led to a couple brushfires in Yakima County, jeopardizing air quality in the city of Yakima. Peaches, nectarines, and plums were harvested. Vegetable stands were at full capacity with locally grown melons, tomatoes, peppers, sweet corn, cucumbers, and summer squashes. Growers prepared to harvest Bartlett pear orchards. Field crews harvested Gala apples. In east central Washington, warm temperatures prevailed throughout the week, escalating at the end of it. Sweet corn was harvested all week. Weather was good for hay and forage crops. Yields on early winter and early spring planted crops looked good. Corn looked average and beans slightly below average. In southeast Washington, wheat yields appeared to be average to above average in the dryland areas.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/16/20

Crop and State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	-	13	28	49	10
Oregon	34	33	19	14	-
Washington	18	17	41	23	1
Winter wheat					
Idaho	-	3	15	59	23
Spring wheat					
Idaho	-	3	14	64	19
Washington	-	7	9	56	28
Barley					
Idaho	1	1	9	71	18
Washington	-	7	6	65	22
Oats					
Idaho	-	1	15	59	25
Washington	-	3	4	75	18
Potatoes					
Idaho	-	-	2	59	39
Oregon	2	7	32	41	18
Washington	-	2	12	64	22
Corn					
Idaho	-	-	2	86	12
Oregon	1	3	14	67	15
Washington	2	3	13	67	15
Dry edible beans					
Idaho	-	7	25	67	1
Oregon	2	6	14	60	18
Washington	1	1	18	63	17
Onions					
Idaho	-	-	-	100	-
Oregon	1	10	13	58	18
Washington	-	3	13	50	34
Sugarbeets					
Idaho	-	-	2	79	19
Oregon	-	-	20	72	8
Washington	-	-	-	35	65
Dry edible peas					
Idaho	-	4	12	68	16

- Represents zero.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/16/20

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	23	35	42	-
Oregon	31	36	33	-
Washington	28	32	38	2
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	12	35	53	-
Oregon	40	29	31	-
Washington	21	37	40	2

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 08/16/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested.....	43	21	24	43
Winter wheat harvested.....	60	35	53	77
Barley harvested.....	45	21	39	52
Oats harvested.....	51	30	42	54
Potatoes harvested.....	5	4	2	4
Field corn silking	97	93	94	96
Field corn dough	42	36	40	69
Field corn dented	1	(NA)	8	28
Dry edible beans harvested	2	-	2	3
Dry edible peas harvested	10	4	34	47
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting	95	89	90	93
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	37	28	33	45

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 08/16/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested.....	54	43	45	68
Winter wheat harvested.....	88	77	86	91
Barley harvested.....	57	48	50	64
Oats harvested.....	54	45	39	60
Potatoes harvested.....	22	16	29	31
Field corn silking	63	55	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn dough	17	1	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans harvested	1	-	5	9
Dry edible peas harvested	97	86	81	81
Onions harvested.....	9	5	14	6
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting	97	94	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	53	33	56	49

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(NA) Not available.

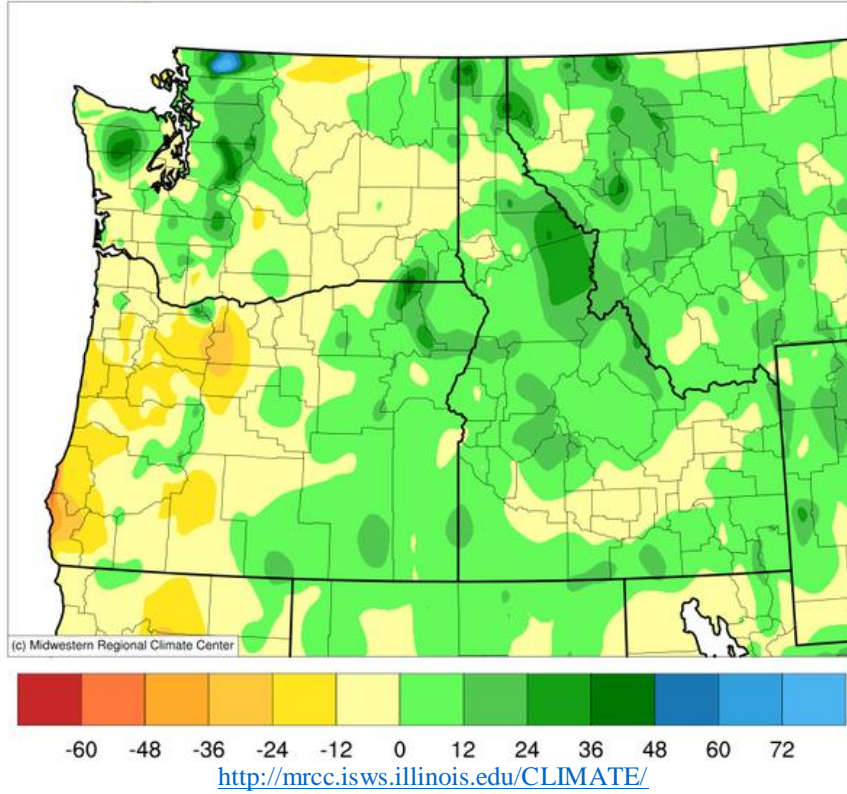
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 08/16/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested.....	36	17	23	51
Winter wheat harvested.....	73	55	65	80
Barley harvested.....	46	24	25	53
Oats harvested.....	41	16	25	46
Potatoes harvested.....	33	25	13	22
Field corn silking.....	87	70	93	92
Field corn dough.....	41	19	24	43
Field corn dented.....	4	(NA)	2	4
Dry edible beans harvested.....	29	5	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas harvested.....	61	40	72	76
Onions harvested.....	34	16	10	23
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	48	35	79	68

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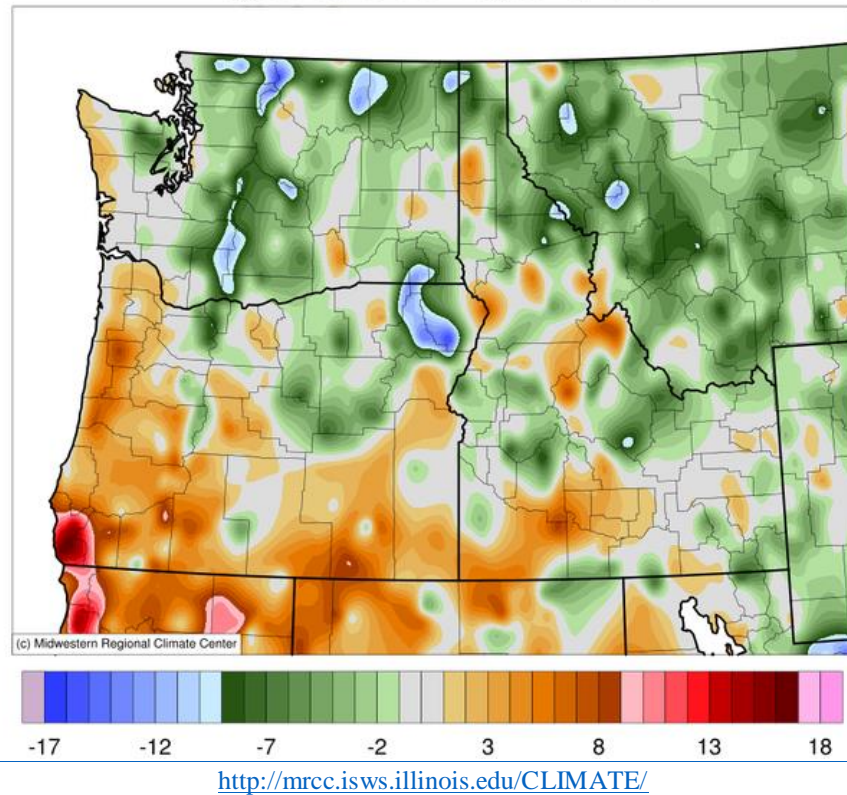
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2019 to August 16, 2020



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

August 10, 2020 to August 16, 2020



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