



Crop Progress and Condition



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Hot Dry Weather Persisted in Idaho

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork, unchanged from the previous week. Idaho weather was hot and dry. In Boundary County, the weather was ideal for finishing spring grain harvests and second cuttings of alfalfa. Very few producers had sub-irrigated pasture allowing for a third cutting of hay. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties harvested fourth cuttings of hay. Clark and Fremont Counties reported conditions were hotter than blue blazes. Unirrigated land was very dry in Teton County. Quinoa harvest began. Second cuttings of alfalfa continued. Cereal grains ripened.

Excellent Weather for Fieldwork in Oregon

There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, up from 6.9 days the previous week. In northwest Oregon, corn silage continued to mature. Irrigation was underway wherever it was possible. Grass silage harvest was slowing down and horticultural crops were doing well. In north central Oregon, thunderstorms brought a small amount of rain. Pasture conditions were dwindling. The grasshopper infestation had not improved and caused damage to pastures. In southwest Oregon, grazing was fair to good on the bottoms, but hills were mostly dried up with the exception in the shaded timber. Fire danger remained extreme on the south coast. River levels were extremely low so irrigation use was curtailed for all but the oldest water rights holders. Only apples, pears, and wine grapes remained to be harvested in orchards and vineyards. The quality of all these fruit crops was very good. Trapping for invasive pests continued to show a slight uptick with the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug. The Spotted Wing Drosophila this year was very active with high population counts in early summer, but had receded over the past month with hot temperatures. In Malheur County, warm conditions persisted. Onion harvest was moving along steady. In Lake County, there was precipitation during the week. Fires started during the thunderstorms. In Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties, the weather was very good for putting up hay. Some irrigation districts were ratcheting down water deliveries in order to get through the season. Other districts were running out of water and were shut down or would be shutting down before the end of the growing season.

Crop Conditions Remained Mostly Unchanged in Washington

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, the same as reported the previous week. Washington grain harvest continued in a weather week that saw a little of everything. Crop conditions remained relatively unchanged. In western Washington, warm and dry weather continued with the exception of some quick rain late in the week. Fruit trees continued to size up. Cane berry crop harvest wrapped up. Blueberry harvest continued. Skagit County received quite a bit of rain over the weekend. The rain made some crop farmers happy, but those with crop on the ground, berries, or hay were a little more concerned. In Snohomish County, fall crops were planted. A fair amount of late planted silage corn, not even close to tasseled yet, was observed in several fields. In central Washington, the week in Yakima County started with daytime highs reaching into triple digits for two straight days. Midweek and over the weekend daytime highs in the mid-80s to mid-90s were well received. No rain was reported. Firefighters were able to contain a rash of brushfires that started last weekend with minimal damage to structures and orchard blocks. The harvest of Gala apples and Bartlett pears continued. A few vegetable fields were turned under, but plenty of vegetables could still be found in vegetable stands throughout Yakima County. The hop harvest approached as hop cones started drying. In northeast Washington, warm temperatures prevailed. Dry and windy conditions fueled several fires. In east central Washington, the winter wheat harvest wrapped up and fall seeding started. Alfalfa cutting, baling, and stacking continued. Sweet corn harvest also continued. Potato, onion, and dry beans were also harvested. In Lincoln County, winter wheat harvest was completed throughout the county with the exception in the northeastern area of the county. Winter wheat seeding began in the southwest corner of Lincoln County.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/23/20

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	19	44	37	-
Oregon	47	33	20	-
Washington.....	35	28	34	3
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	16	37	47	-
Oregon	45	37	18	-
Washington.....	26	35	36	3

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/23/20

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	3	14	36	45	2
Oregon	29	44	17	10	-
Washington.....	21	23	41	14	1
Spring wheat					
Washington.....	-	6	10	59	25
Potatoes					
Idaho	-	-	1	65	34
Oregon	2	6	36	40	16
Washington.....	-	2	14	62	22
Corn					
Idaho	-	-	6	86	8
Oregon	1	3	14	62	20
Washington.....	2	3	17	69	9
Dry edible beans					
Idaho	-	6	22	72	-
Oregon	2	6	14	60	18
Washington.....	1	1	17	65	16
Onions					
Idaho	-	-	10	90	-
Oregon	1	5	11	69	14
Washington.....	-	3	14	51	32
Sugarbeets					
Idaho	-	-	4	85	11
Oregon	-	-	20	72	8
Washington.....	-	-	-	30	70
Dry edible peas					
Idaho	-	4	13	70	13

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 08/23/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested.....	52	43	40	61
Winter wheat harvested.....	83	60	79	88
Barley harvested.....	61	45	57	70
Oats harvested.....	64	51	62	69
Potatoes harvested.....	6	5	3	5
Field corn dough.....	64	42	53	77
Field corn dented.....	22	1	17	41
Dry edible beans harvested.....	3	2	12	12
Dry edible peas harvested.....	25	10	65	69
Onions harvested.....	-	(NA)	18	18
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	53	37	49	58

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 08/23/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested.....	68	54	68	82
Winter wheat harvested.....	96	88	93	96
Barley harvested.....	67	57	76	78
Oats harvested.....	63	54	58	75
Potatoes harvested.....	30	22	36	37
Field corn silking.....	81	63	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn dough.....	35	17	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn dented.....	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans harvested.....	4	1	20	23
Onions harvested.....	13	9	24	14
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	75	53	67	60

(NA) Not available.

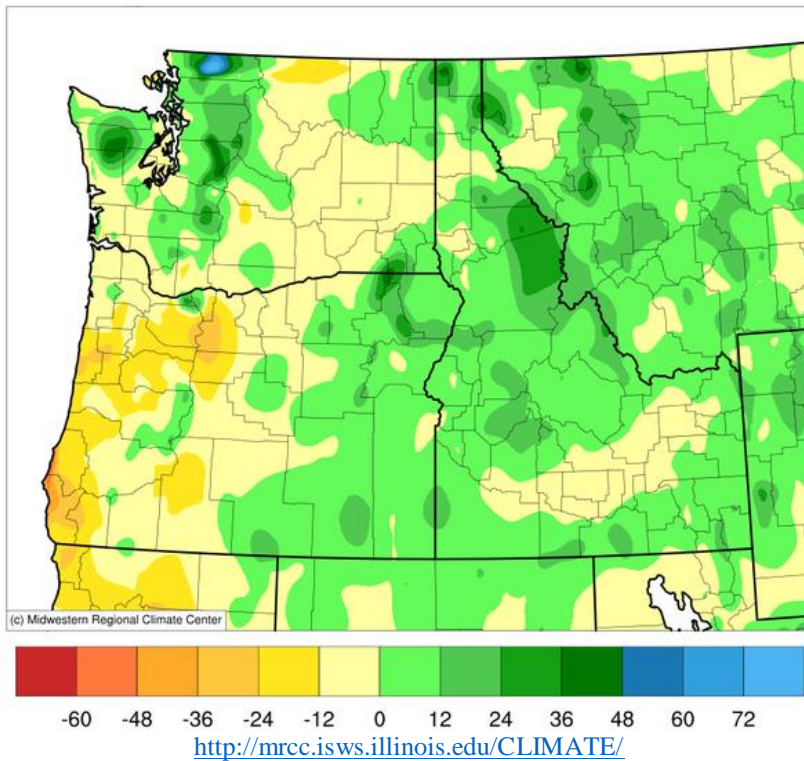
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 08/23/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested.....	48	36	41	68
Winter wheat harvested.....	82	73	80	90
Winter wheat planted.....	5	(NA)	1	2
Barley harvested.....	57	46	42	68
Oats harvested.....	52	41	40	56
Potatoes harvested.....	39	33	16	26
Field corn silking.....	95	87	99	97
Field corn dough.....	50	41	34	52
Field corn dented.....	8	4	4	8
Dry edible beans harvested.....	30	29	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas harvested.....	65	61	75	81
Onions harvested.....	55	34	16	30
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	56	48	80	76
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	2	(NA)	27	14

(NA) Not available.

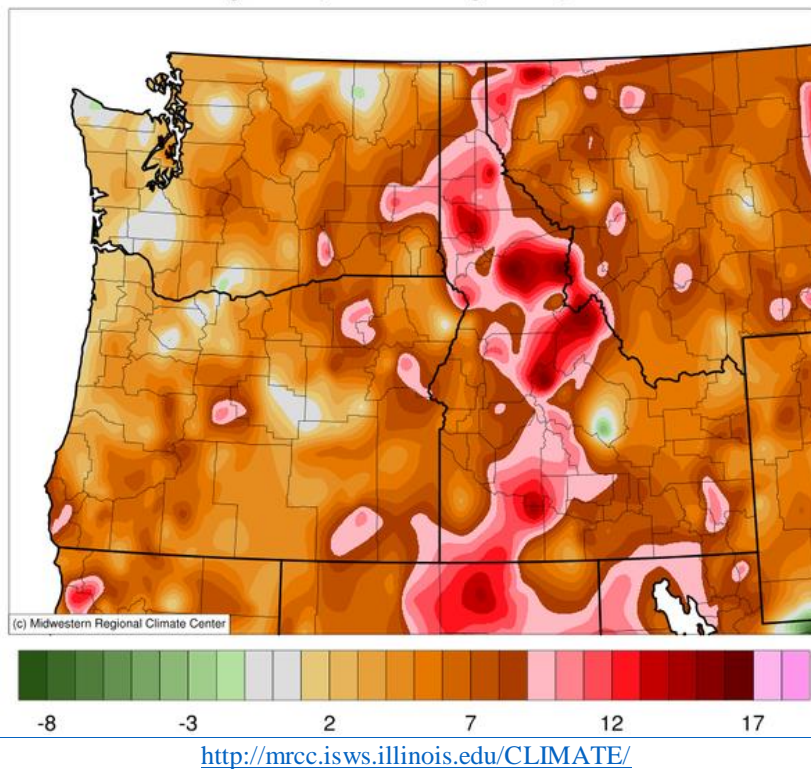
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2019 to August 23, 2020



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

August 17, 2020 to August 23, 2020



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