



Crop Progress and Condition



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Frosty Conditions in Southeast Idaho

There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork, down from 6.9 days the previous week. North Idaho had extremely dry conditions. Boundary County has not had rain for months and pastures remained dry. Producers were not able to start fall plantings. Hay producers with irrigation harvested a third cutting of alfalfa hay. Smoke cover later in the week moderated temperatures. Frost effected corn silage harvest in Cassia and Minidoka Counties. Sugarbeet producers started to harvest. The potato crop progressed with the cooler temperatures. Wind in Jerome and Twin Falls Counties continued to damage dry beans in windrows; however, potato harvest continued. Sugarbeet and corn silage producers started to harvest. Producers cut dry beans and threshed some acres. Bear Lake County had little precipitation with frost the last five nights. Franklin and Oneida Counties had a hard freeze last Tuesday. Grain harvest wrapped up in Teton County.

Fires and Smoke Impacted Fieldwork in Oregon

There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, down from 7.0 the previous week. Low humidity, dried vegetation, and unprecedented winds blowing from west to east created the tinderbox for unprecedented fires in Oregon. Over one million acres burned in Oregon last week. These fires created unhealthy breathing conditions the majority of the week. In northwest Oregon, Marion County received reports of honeybees lost in wildfires, while ash and smoke damaged mint crops. In Washington County, the windstorm ripped leaves off blueberry plants. The entirety of Clackamas County was under either evacuation level one, two or three due to two large forest fires. Fieldwork was limited due to poor air quality and evacuation of personnel. Crops and pasture conditions were impacted from smoke damage. In Tillamook County, strong easterly winds began blowing Labor Day evening and finally settled Wednesday evening. These winds included very strong gusts initially, which knocked trees and limbs down causing power outages throughout the County. In addition, the winds brought heavy smoke to the county from Central Oregon and Cascade Mountains fires. These winds also fanned local fires that had residents evacuating and on standby. Many silage corn crops were heavily desiccated. In north central Oregon, big windstorms also blew through early in the week. There was not a lot of damage reported, and producers were still able to complete grain harvest. Grasshoppers continued to damage pastures on the south end of the county. Producers waited for some rain before they started dusting their seed into the ground. In the meantime, most sprayed weeds and finalized preparations to seed their crops. The smoke was heavy and widespread from all of the fires on the west side of the state. Conditions in Gilliam County were extremely dry. Several crop producers commented that it was drier than they have ever seen. In northeast Oregon, winter canola planting started. Most of the 2020 grain harvest was complete. Seed potato harvest was underway. Poor air quality from wildfire smoke prevented any regulated field burns for over a week. Heavy smoke from recent fires in Southwest Oregon made it very difficult on livestock and most field activities. Most wine grape growers in southwest Oregon began harvest of early ripening white wine grape varieties early in the week. After smoke blanketed Douglas County, the wine grape harvest stopped except for a few large operations with mechanical harvesters. Grape growers and tree fruit producers waited for onshore winds to resume harvest. With outdoor conditions difficult for breathing, fall vegetable harvest and sales slowed. In south central and

southeast Oregon, Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties, all reported air quality with an extremely hazardous quality rating. Any hay that was laying in the windrow had smoke taint. Temperatures were in the 70's versus the low 90's because of the very thick smoke. In Klamath County, heavy smoke and forest fires were reported in the Chiloquin area. Smoke moved throughout the basin. All areas reported dryer than normal conditions for grazing. Livestock water was an increasing issue. Many producers were already feeding hay.

Smoke Impedes Fieldwork in Washington

There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, down from 6.8 days the previous week. In western Washington, there were smoke intrusions from the fires in the east and now Oregon and California. Smoke did not stop harvest, but made it much more difficult and dangerous. The weather was hot and dry. CSA operations continued to have good harvests. Livestock was mostly on stock piled feed. In central Washington, fire destroyed large portions of pasture ground in both Okanogan and Ferry Counties. It was dry. Apple harvest was in full swing. Smoke was very thick. Workers were not in the fields as much as they should be this time of year due to the poor air quality. In Yakima County, air quality was very poor and dangerous throughout most of the week despite the containment of the Evans Creek fire. Visibility was frequently less than one mile throughout the weekend. Daytime highs remained in mid 70s to low 90s. Nighttime lows were in the mid to low 40s and dropped in the upper 30s on September 8th. Hop harvest was about one-third complete. Roadside vegetable stands were still at peak selection. In northeast Washington, it was extremely dry and windy. In east central Washington, there was a rough windstorm last Monday. It caused some lodging damage on corn and there was one report of it knocking down a trellised young orchard. In Lincoln County, 140,000 acres burned as of Thursday, with about 75 percent being hay ground and pasture land. In southeast Washington, a huge fire started on Babb road in Spokane County, swept through, and destroyed both Malden and Pine City. Thousands of acres burned on Monday September 7, 2020. The conditions were very dry. It was extremely smoky with poor air quality. There were no fires reported in Garfield or Asotin Counties.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/13/20

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	33	37	30	-
Oregon	57	32	11	-
Washington.....	30	32	37	1
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	32	33	35	-
Oregon	46	41	13	-
Washington.....	26	32	41	1

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/13/20

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	8	32	46	14	-
Oregon	39	43	14	4	-
Washington.....	23	28	37	11	1
Potatoes					
Idaho	-	-	4	65	31
Corn					
Idaho	-	-	7	87	6
Oregon	2	3	22	60	13
Washington.....	2	3	28	55	12
Dry edible beans					
Idaho	-	7	39	53	1
Oregon	2	6	13	61	18
Onions					
Idaho	-	-	-	100	-
Oregon	2	5	10	71	12
Sugarbeets					
Idaho	-	-	2	72	26
Oregon	-	-	20	71	9
Washington.....	-	-	-	100	-

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 09/13/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested.....	94	86	88	94
Winter wheat planted.....	9	5	10	13
Barley harvested.....	96	89	93	96
Oats harvested.....	88	82	85	92
Potatoes harvested.....	19	11	12	18
Sugarbeets harvested.....	3	(NA)	2	7
Field corn dough.....	99	93	91	94
Field corn dented.....	63	45	58	77
Field corn mature.....	22	12	18	31
Field corn harvested for grain.....	-	(NA)	-	1
Field corn harvested for silage.....	12	2	8	24
Dry edible beans harvested.....	31	15	34	61
Onions harvested.....	30	26	62	50
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	79	72	82	86
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	32	21	32	31

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 09/13/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested.....	95	94	96	98
Winter wheat planted.....	9	5	13	7
Barley harvested.....	95	92	96	96
Oats harvested.....	92	82	94	97
Potatoes harvested.....	45	42	57	56
Field corn dough.....	89	81	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn dented.....	45	25	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn mature.....	8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain.....	-	(NA)	(NA)	1
Field corn harvested for silage.....	7	2	8	18
Dry edible beans harvested.....	28	17	45	62
Onions harvested.....	35	29	59	49
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	90	87	90	87
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	16	12	(NA)	(NA)

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

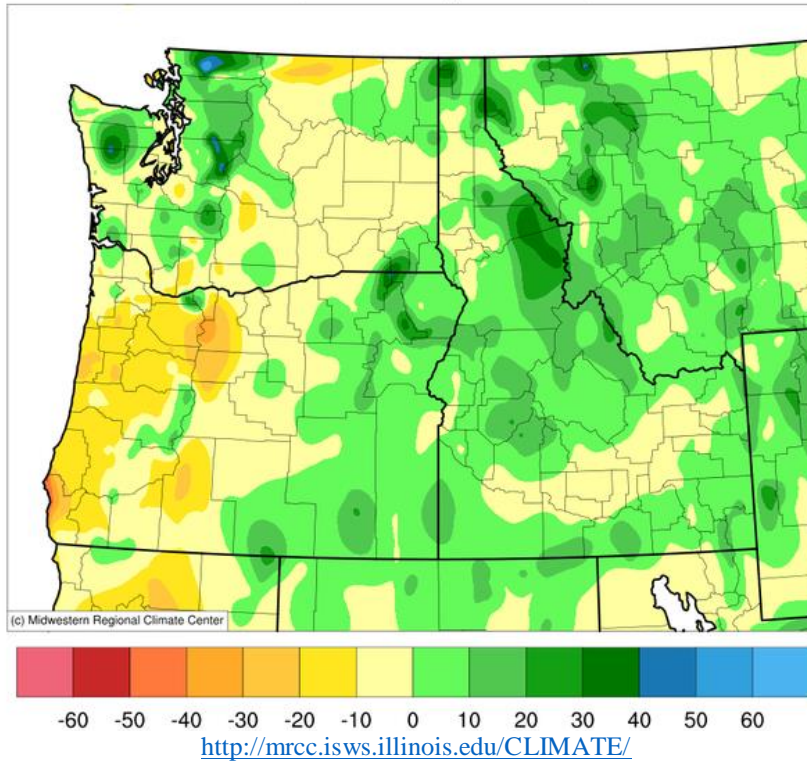
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 09/13/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested.....	87	83	83	94
Winter wheat planted.....	44	32	26	34
Barley harvested.....	90	89	69	91
Oats harvested.....	81	63	78	91
Potatoes harvested.....	51	46	29	40
Field corn dough.....	91	84	82	84
Field corn dented.....	53	33	29	45
Field corn mature.....	34	11	7	16
Field corn harvested for grain.....	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for silage.....	30	15	18	21
Dry edible beans harvested.....	53	48	26	62
Dry edible peas harvested.....	86	84	83	94
Onions harvested.....	66	64	55	63
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	85	80	89	94
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	25	10	38	50

(NA) Not available.

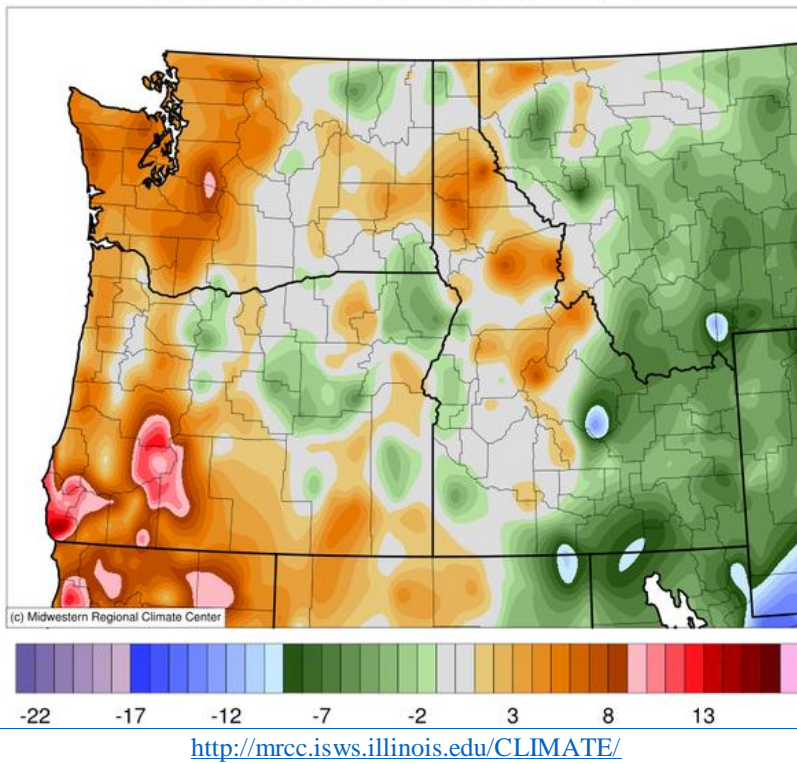
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2019 to September 13, 2020



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

September 07, 2020 to September 13, 2020



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