



Crop Progress and Condition



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Smoke followed by Rain in Northern Idaho

There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork, down from 6.8 days the previous week. Benewah and Kootenai Counties received rain. Plummer got 0.2 inch of rain Friday through Saturday and Cave Bay got 0.45 inch. Boundary County suffered from smoke, which caused cooler temperatures and improved pasture growth. All crops were harvested and field work commenced. Potato harvest in southern Idaho continued, about a third of the crop was harvested.

Fires Lingered in Oregon as Fieldwork Recovered from Unprecedented Fires

There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, up from 5.9 the previous week. Several counties in Oregon still had poor air quality even as some rain arrived late in the week in some portions of the state. In northwest Oregon, Polk County reported crops were impacted by the cool temperatures brought on by smoke filled skies. Snap beans, sweet corn, and silage corn producers reported decreased production. Fresh market vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, and cucumbers were also impacted. Honey producers in Polk County reported very little hive activity between September 9 to 15. Other parts of northwest Oregon observed some increased rain disease late in the week in some small fruit crops. Overall, the rain improved air quality and much needed soil moisture. Some corn silage fields were harvested in Tillamook County after suffering wind throw in the stands. In north central Oregon, it was still extremely dry. Producers prepared fields for seeding. The smoke cleared by late last week. Pastures continued to degrade. Many producers fed hay to their livestock, which is about two months earlier than normal. In northeast Oregon, winter wheat emerged on early plantings. Stands were fair to good. Winter canola was sown. In southwest Oregon, smoke from forest fires continued to blanket most of Douglas County. The smoke made outdoor work difficult. Most wineries were well into harvest. Most wineries should be finished with harvest over the next three weeks if smoke does not get worse or rains do not increase. Some livestock operations were impacted in several county locations near Glide and Sutherlin. Hay donations from farmers east of the Cascade Mountains were sent to west side locations to help ranchers during the next few months. Many small farms had to move livestock to county fairgrounds for boarding. Fall vegetable and fruit crops made it through the fire disaster without significant losses. Winter pear harvest was about three weeks away and apple harvest is expected to begin around October 15 and run to about November 10. In south central and southeastern Oregon, the onion and dry bean harvest continued steady. Smoky conditions posed challenges with field curing. Fires across the West caused a tightening of labor for harvest. Sugarbeet harvest was set to begin soon. For Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties, minor rain showers were reported. This rain activity also helped to clear the smoke that had Central Oregon in very hazardous air quality for days.

Smoke Cleared throughout Washington

There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, up from 6.0 days the previous week. In western Washington, most fieldwork came to a halt or decreased due to the poor air quality from the wildfires. A couple of light rain events reduced the fire danger locally but did not provide the deep watering that was much needed. Days were cool due to the smoke inversion. Some tree fruit crops and vegetable crops struggled last week due to a lack of sunshine. In Skagit County, the smoke was gone and it was dry. In Snohomish County, the smoke put everything in stasis. The rains at the end of week perked up some fall vegetables and pastures. There were irregular rain totals across the county. Some areas received a lot, while other areas received very little. In central Washington, air quality in Yakima County remained hazardous throughout most of the week, but finally cleared out over the weekend. Daytime highs remained in the mid-70s to low 80s. Nighttime lows were in the mid-40s and lower 50s. Apple harvest continued. Hop harvest was short of 50 percent complete despite harvest activities continuing through the night. Peppers, tomatoes, eggplant, melons, and winter squash were found fresh at the roadside stands. In east central Washington, the wildfires were out. Producers that lost wheat due to the high winds contemplated on whether or not to re-seed because there was poor ground moisture.

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

| Item and State | Very short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Topsoil moisture | | | | |
| Idaho | 35 | 38 | 27 | - |
| Oregon | 58 | 31 | 11 | - |
| Washington | 30 | 39 | 31 | - |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Idaho | 34 | 39 | 27 | - |
| Oregon | 46 | 42 | 12 | - |
| Washington | 28 | 37 | 35 | - |

- Represents zero.

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

| Crop and State | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Pasture and range | | | | | |
| Idaho | 7 | 24 | 37 | 32 | - |
| Oregon | 44 | 40 | 13 | 3 | - |
| Washington | 21 | 32 | 38 | 9 | - |
| Potatoes | | | | | |
| Idaho | - | - | 5 | 55 | 40 |
| Corn | | | | | |
| Idaho | - | - | 9 | 80 | 11 |
| Oregon | 2 | 4 | 23 | 57 | 14 |
| Washington | 2 | 3 | 28 | 62 | 5 |
| Dry edible beans | | | | | |
| Idaho | - | 7 | 40 | 50 | 3 |
| Oregon | 2 | 6 | 14 | 60 | 18 |
| Onions | | | | | |
| Idaho | - | - | - | 100 | - |
| Oregon | 1 | 6 | 9 | 70 | 14 |
| Sugarbeets | | | | | |
| Idaho | - | - | 4 | 61 | 35 |
| Oregon | - | - | 15 | 75 | 10 |
| Washington | - | - | - | 100 | - |

- Represents zero.

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

| Crop and activity | Percent completed | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| | This week | Last week | Last year | 5 Year average |
| Spring wheat harvested..... | 98 | 94 | 93 | 98 |
| Winter wheat planted..... | 22 | 9 | 23 | 27 |
| Winter wheat emerged..... | 3 | (NA) | 2 | 4 |
| Oats harvested..... | 91 | 88 | 89 | 95 |
| Potatoes harvested..... | 33 | 19 | 23 | 29 |
| Sugarbeets harvested..... | 13 | 3 | 8 | 15 |
| Field corn dented..... | 82 | 63 | 75 | 87 |
| Field corn mature..... | 31 | 22 | 36 | 44 |
| Field corn harvested for grain..... | - | - | - | 5 |
| Field corn harvested for silage..... | 20 | 12 | 17 | 35 |
| Dry edible beans harvested..... | 62 | 31 | 47 | 73 |
| Onions harvested..... | 39 | 30 | 72 | 60 |
| Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting..... | 87 | 79 | 89 | 91 |
| Alfalfa hay 4th cutting..... | 39 | 32 | 44 | 42 |

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

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

| Crop and activity | Percent completed | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| | This week | Last week | Last year | 5 Year average |
| Winter wheat planted..... | 14 | 9 | 19 | 14 |
| Winter wheat emerged..... | 3 | (NA) | 2 | 1 |
| Oats harvested..... | 96 | 92 | 98 | 99 |
| Potatoes harvested..... | 51 | 45 | 65 | 61 |
| Sugarbeets harvested..... | - | (NA) | 7 | 1 |
| Field corn dough..... | 95 | 89 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Field corn dented..... | 63 | 45 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Field corn mature..... | 21 | 8 | (NA) | (NA) |
| Field corn harvested for grain..... | 4 | - | 13 | 7 |
| Field corn harvested for silage..... | 16 | 7 | 21 | 35 |
| Dry edible beans harvested..... | 57 | 28 | 61 | 75 |
| Onions harvested..... | 42 | 35 | 72 | 58 |
| Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting..... | 94 | 90 | 94 | 93 |
| Alfalfa hay 4th cutting..... | 25 | 16 | (NA) | (NA) |

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

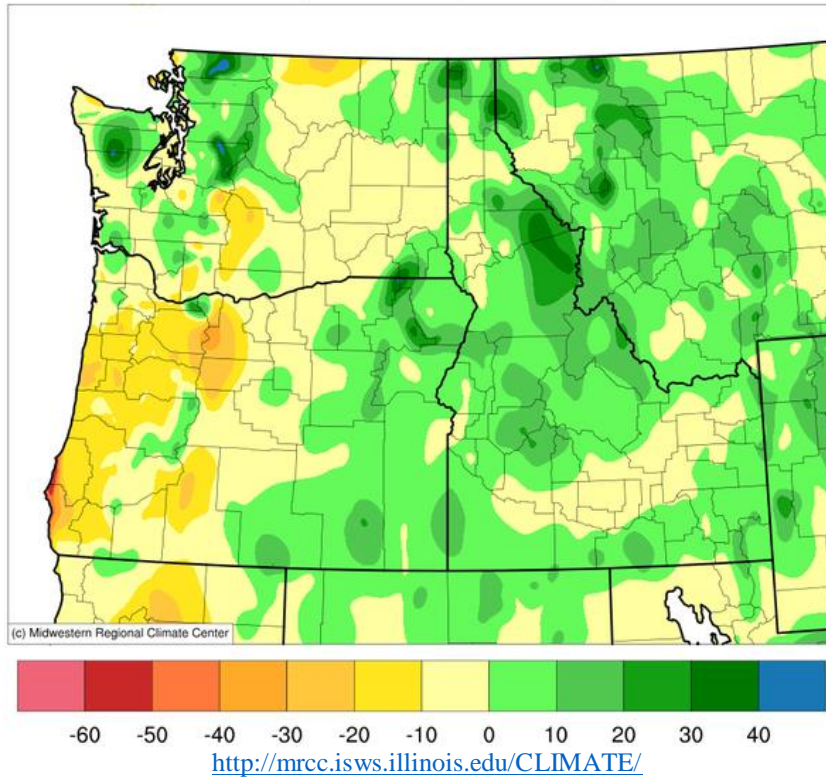
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 09/20/20

| Crop and activity | Percent completed | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| | This week | Last week | Last year | 5 Year average |
| Spring wheat harvested..... | 94 | 87 | 90 | 98 |
| Winter wheat planted..... | 49 | 44 | 42 | 50 |
| Winter wheat emerged..... | 16 | (NA) | 4 | 18 |
| Barley harvested..... | 95 | 90 | 80 | 95 |
| Oats harvested..... | 89 | 81 | 89 | 95 |
| Potatoes harvested..... | 57 | 51 | 39 | 47 |
| Sugarbeets harvested..... | - | (NA) | 24 | (NA) |
| Field corn dough..... | 95 | 91 | 97 | 91 |
| Field corn dented..... | 68 | 53 | 51 | 62 |
| Field corn mature..... | 43 | 34 | 14 | 27 |
| Field corn harvested for grain..... | 27 | 6 | (NA) | 5 |
| Field corn harvested for silage..... | 47 | 30 | 29 | 37 |
| Dry edible beans harvested..... | 73 | 53 | 45 | 75 |
| Dry edible peas harvested..... | 91 | 86 | 85 | 96 |
| Onions harvested..... | 68 | 66 | 63 | 67 |
| Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting..... | 91 | 85 | 93 | 97 |
| Alfalfa hay 4th cutting..... | 43 | 25 | 50 | 64 |

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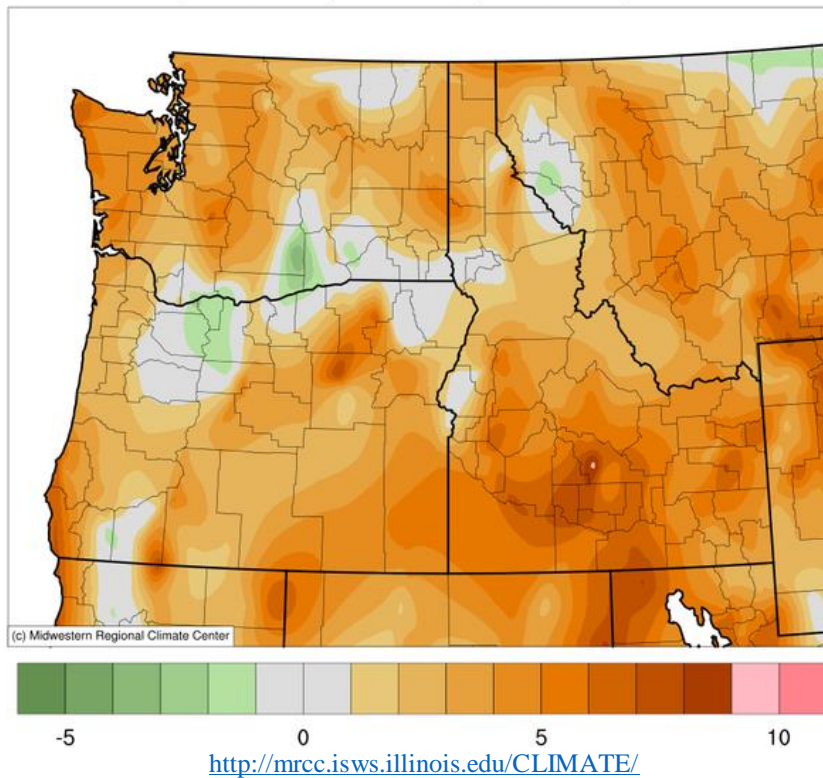
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2019 to September 20, 2020



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

September 14, 2020 to September 20, 2020



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