



Crop Progress and Condition



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Idaho Harvest Full Steam Ahead

There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork, up from 6.6 days the previous week. Northern Idaho had timely rain and cooler weather that improved pasture conditions. Some producers started planting winter wheat. Alfalfa producers in Jerome and Twin Falls Counties cut their fifth cutting of alfalfa hay for the season. Corn silage, potato, dry bean, and sugarbeet harvests progressed nicely through the week.

Rainfall and Westerly Winds Helped Clear Out the Smoke in Oregon

There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, down from 6.3 the previous week. In northwest Oregon, rain and cooler temperatures arrived. Field preparation for fall planting continued. Vegetable harvest was still active. High winds temporarily knocked out power to some parts of Lincoln County. Many residents of the Lincoln City area were still evacuated due to the Echo Mountain wildfire. Livestock were evacuated to the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Newport and other locations. Corn silage was harvested in Tillamook County prior to the rain last week. A lot of corn silage remained standing in the fields. Recent rains helped non-irrigated forage fields green up after a long dry spell. In north central Oregon, a small amount of rain fell last week. The rain settled the dust in some areas. Crop producers mowed stubble, picked rocks, sprayed, and prepared fields for seeding. Pastures took a hard hit due to the severe drought. The wind blew extremely hard a few days last week. In northeast Oregon, more winter wheat was seeded after recent rains. Early planted wheat in late August and early September emerged. The stands looked to be in good shape. Some furrows were blown over in early September by strong winds. Winter canola planted in mid-September emerged and stands looked excellent. There was some concern early planted wheat would be subject to aphid infestations, once insecticide seed treatments passed the effective window of 2-3 weeks post-plant. Russian wheat aphid appeared this past spring. This issue, along with other aphid species and the associated diseases they vector, was a concern. In southwest Oregon, recent light rains of half an inch helped clean ash off orchards, vineyards, and field crops. The rains and winds from the west also cleaned the air of the persistent smoke, which hung over the area for about two weeks. The recent rain and wind was quite helpful to clean vineyards, as the wine grape harvest was well underway. Winter pear harvest kicked in with most growers reporting they harvested about 15 percent of the crop and had excellent quality. Winter wheat field preparation was going strong with planting expected to begin next week. In south central and southeast Oregon, high moisture corn harvest started in Malheur County. A cool front with showers delayed fieldwork by one day. Irrigation water was shut off in some locations. Onion harvest continued in full swing. Sugarbeet harvest was set to begin soon. Smoky and hazy conditions cleared out. Carrot seed in Jefferson County was swathed and dried in readiness for harvest, while carrot seed in Crook County was still drying down. A couple of days of rain showers fell across the area. Some minor frost occurred at the end of the week. Hemp crop looked good. A small field of fiber hemp was harvested. Many grass hay fields were swathed last week.

Rain Received Throughout Washington

There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, up from 6.6 days the previous week. In San Juan County, there were some nice field days until a major low-pressure system brought back much needed moisture. This reduced harvest time for many vegetable and fruit crops. Livestock were still on pasture and most were supplemented with stored feed. Fall no-till planting was set back, but was anticipated to progress in the coming days with sunny weather. In Yakima County, air quality and visibility returned to normal. Daytime highs started the week off in the upper 70s dropping throughout the week to the upper 60s on Saturday. The weather was overcast most of Wednesday with a light rain widespread through the county. The apple crop came in with harvest focused on mid-season varieties like Granny Smith and Honeycrisp. Winter pears were harvested this week as well. Hop harvest continued and was about 75 percent complete. Field corn was mature and starting to dry in the field. Tomatoes, peppers, and winter squash also came in. In Lincoln County, much needed rain was received in the last few days. The county recently endured a 130,000-acre fire. In southeast Washington, crops were harvested and fall seeding commenced.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/27/20

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	32	38	30	-
Oregon	49	32	19	-
Washington.....	30	32	35	3
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	29	36	34	1
Oregon	44	41	15	-
Washington.....	26	32	39	3

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/27/20

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	10	26	31	33	-
Oregon	44	38	14	4	-
Washington.....	24	29	38	9	-
Potatoes					
Idaho	-	-	5	62	33
Corn					
Idaho	-	-	6	87	7
Oregon	2	3	18	63	14
Washington.....	2	5	27	56	10
Onions					
Idaho	-	-	-	100	-
Sugarbeets					
Idaho	-	-	3	66	31
Oregon	-	-	10	80	10
Washington.....	-	-	-	100	-

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 09/27/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	37	22	38	42
Winter wheat emerged.....	9	3	9	11
Oats harvested.....	95	91	94	97
Potatoes harvested.....	53	33	35	42
Sugarbeets harvested.....	25	13	18	22
Field corn dented.....	94	82	91	93
Field corn mature.....	33	31	62	59
Field corn harvested for grain.....	1	-	2	11
Field corn harvested for silage.....	53	20	34	50
Dry edible beans harvested.....	82	62	60	79
Onions harvested.....	70	39	82	70
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	92	87	94	96
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	41	39	56	54

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 09/27/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	16	14	37	26
Winter wheat emerged.....	5	3	14	6
Potatoes harvested.....	61	51	70	66
Sugarbeets harvested.....	-	-	14	6
Field corn dented.....	92	63	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn mature.....	49	21	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain.....	7	4	23	15
Field corn harvested for silage.....	35	16	32	50
Dry edible beans harvested.....	71	57	77	83
Onions harvested.....	50	42	80	67
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	96	94	96	97
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	38	25	(NA)	(NA)

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(NA) Not available.

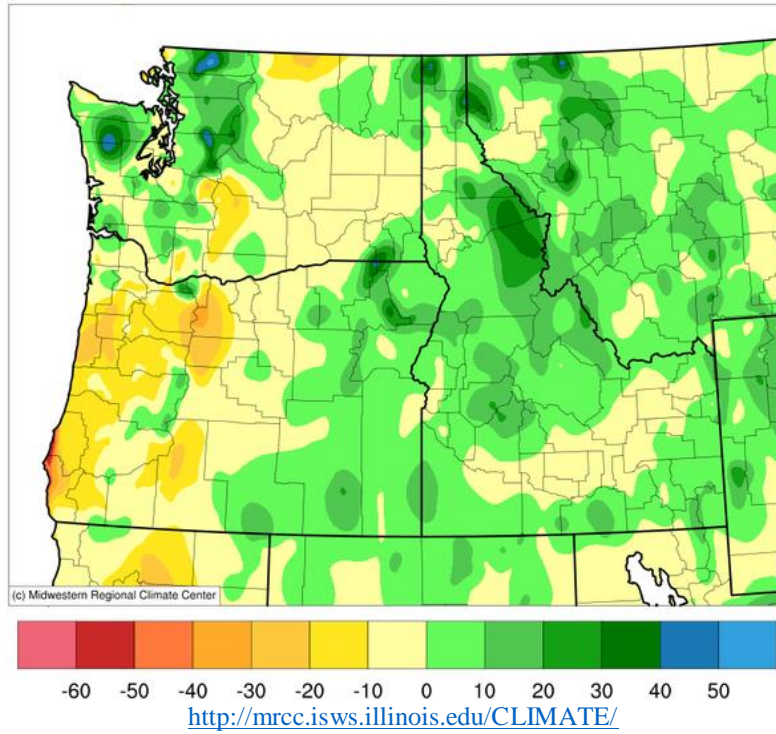
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 09/27/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested.....	99	94	92	98
Winter wheat planted.....	59	49	57	62
Winter wheat emerged.....	32	16	11	29
Oats harvested.....	95	89	94	98
Potatoes harvested.....	68	57	51	54
Sugarbeets harvested.....	-	-	48	(NA)
Field corn dented.....	80	68	74	74
Field corn mature.....	59	43	33	40
Field corn harvested for grain.....	40	27	1	10
Field corn harvested for silage.....	55	47	43	52
Dry edible beans harvested.....	95	73	62	84
Dry edible peas harvested.....	95	91	90	98
Onions harvested.....	74	68	70	72
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	93	91	95	99
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	59	43	63	73

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(NA) Not available.

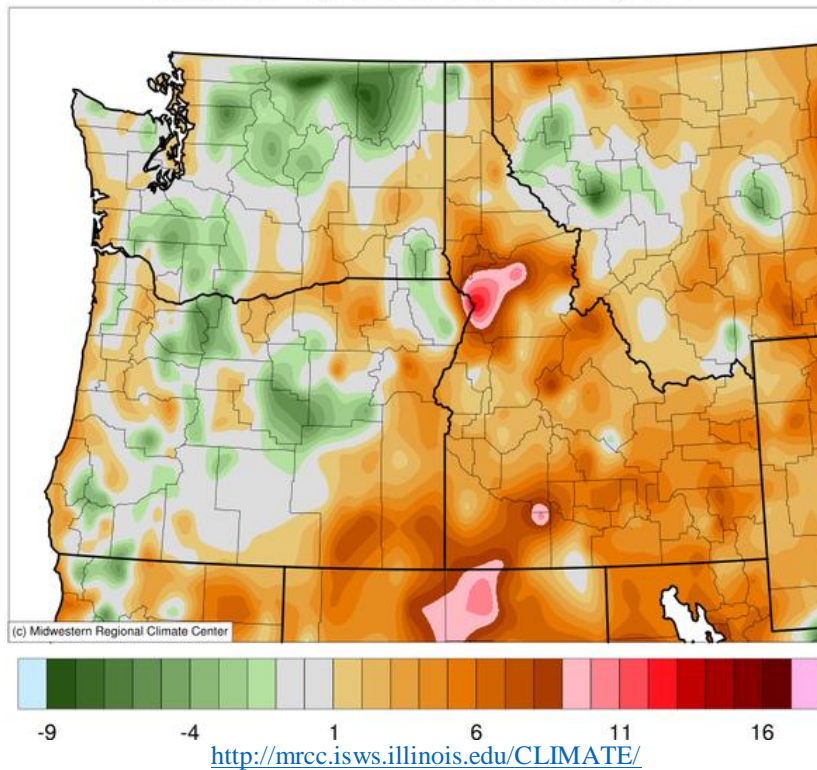
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2019 to September 27, 2020



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

September 21, 2020 to September 27, 2020



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