



Crop Progress and Condition



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Warm Temperatures throughout Idaho

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork, up from 6.8 days the previous week. In northern Idaho, cooler conditions helped grass growth. Winter wheat planting was underway. Nighttime temperatures were warmer than normal. In south central Idaho, the weather continued to be dry and unseasonably warm. Conditions were ideal for harvest and planting winter cereals. The fifth cutting of alfalfa was harvested. Sugarbeet harvest started. In southeast Idaho, it was very dry.

Good Weather Conditions Helped Row Crops Harvest in Oregon

There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, up from 6.0 the previous week. In northwest Oregon, fall work went well. Vegetables and small fruit work moved forward as did nursery preparations for winter. Pasture conditions improved over the last several weeks. Recent coastal rains brought a flush of new grass. Several producers harvested corn silage. Many livestock herds were out on pasture, taking advantage of the new grass growth. In north central Oregon, producers continued to seed their crops throughout the county, although it was still extremely dry. Several grain producers were chomping at the bit to get seed in the ground. Some wheat was already emerged. Pastures were extremely dry and struggled. The rain received last week did not help much with degrading soil moisture conditions. In northeast Oregon, stands of early-planted wheat looked good. Seedbed water content was low and wheat planted last week was dusted in. Early planted wheat saw some high aphid populations. Winter canola continued to do well as stands showed the first true leaves. In southwest Oregon, temperatures continued to be well above average for this time of year. The warm weather stressed any rain-fed crop production areas. Irrigation was applied on all crops that had access to water. It was an important time to keep grapevines and fruit trees watered. Fall seeded forage crops and cover crops needed more rain to get them established. Fall digging of shade trees and ornamental shrubs was anticipated to begin soon. Weather conditions in Malheur County were excellent for the onion harvest. Beet harvest was underway. Specialty crops, such as vegetable seeds, were harvested. High moisture corn harvest started in Malheur County. Lake County did not receive any precipitation last week. Permittees moved cattle off their federal allotments and on to fall pastures. For Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties, the last hay was cut. Industrial hemp harvest began. In Klamath County, smoke continued to have an impact. Fall crops were planted, including garlic. Mint harvest finished. There were no reports of damaged crops. Alfalfa suffered due to smoke and drought impacts. There were some reports of cattle death due to drought conditions.

Pumpkins, Squashes, and Apples Harvested in Washington

There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, up from 6.8 days the previous week. Raspberry growers in Whatcom County began to tie and prune berries. Corn silage harvest was in full swing. Skagit County received rainfall last week, which helped the hay crop condition. Corn for silage producers in Snohomish County were in a holding pattern, waiting for their crop to mature. Vegetable harvest, including squash and pumpkins, started. Conditions remained dry in Okanogan and Ferry Counties. Smoke haze acted as a cap on the atmosphere and morning dews were heavy. Hay that was still on the ground was wrapped into round bales due to the lingering moisture. Apples were coloring, even with smoke haze blocking out direct sun. Yakima hops were in the field and workers were bringing in irrigation tubing. Wine grape harvest continued. Apple harvest continued with Honeycrisp, Granny Smith, and Golden Delicious varieties. Fruit stands were ripe with autumn bounty including pumpkins, maize, and winter squashes. The Palouse had typical fall conditions, leaning towards warm temperatures.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/04/20

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	33	40	27	-
Oregon	44	38	18	-
Washington	21	40	39	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	32	39	29	-
Oregon	41	43	16	-
Washington	19	39	42	-

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/04/20

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	10	28	31	31	-
Oregon	47	40	11	2	-
Washington	22	31	37	10	-
Corn					
Idaho	-	-	8	85	7
Oregon	2	3	17	64	14
Sugarbeets					
Idaho	-	-	3	62	35
Oregon	-	-	12	80	8
Washington	-	-	-	100	-

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 10/04/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	59	37	54	61
Winter wheat emerged.....	23	9	23	28
Potatoes harvested.....	66	53	54	57
Sugarbeets harvested.....	31	25	26	29
Field corn dented.....	99	94	97	97
Field corn mature.....	57	33	76	74
Field corn harvested for grain.....	3	1	12	18
Field corn harvested for silage.....	80	53	60	67
Dry edible beans harvested.....	92	82	69	86
Onions harvested.....	85	70	86	79
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	95	92	98	99
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	59	41	66	62

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 10/04/20

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	29	16	53	39
Winter wheat emerged.....	8	5	22	12
Potatoes harvested.....	70	61	82	73
Sugarbeets harvested.....	18	-	30	13
Field corn dented.....	95	92	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn mature.....	76	49	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain.....	14	7	27	25
Field corn harvested for silage.....	60	35	51	62
Dry edible beans harvested.....	89	71	87	90
Onions harvested.....	70	50	83	75
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	58	38	(NA)	(NA)

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 10/04/20

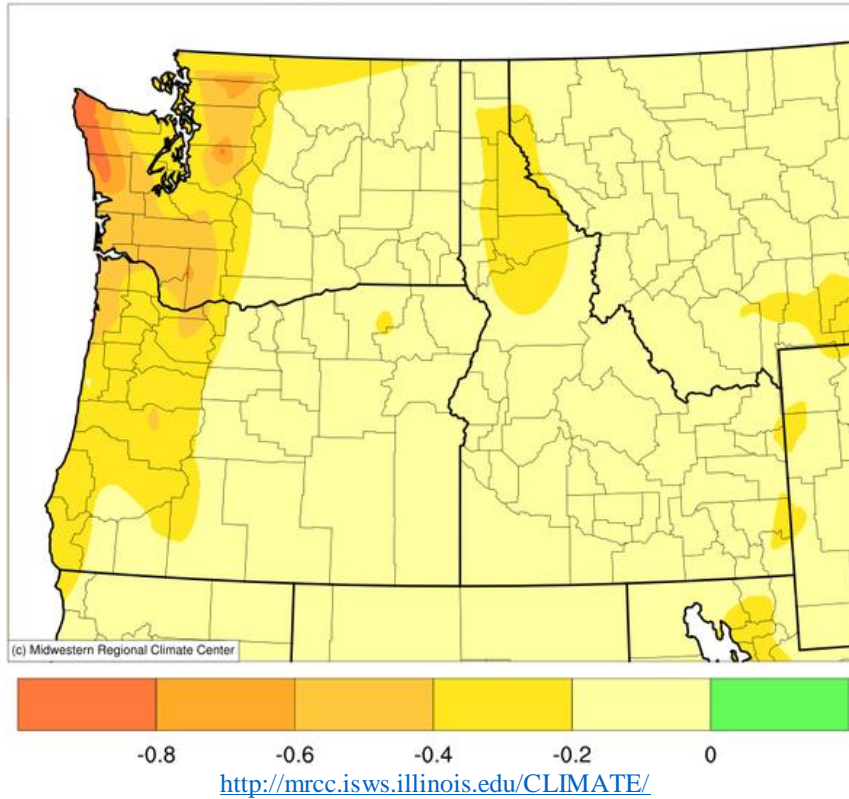
Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	76	59	65	70
Winter wheat emerged.....	54	32	25	43
Potatoes harvested.....	69	68	56	62
Sugarbeets harvested.....	-	-	69	(NA)
Field corn dented.....	86	80	89	83
Field corn mature.....	64	59	51	51
Field corn harvested for grain.....	51	40	2	17
Field corn harvested for silage.....	63	55	56	65
Onions harvested.....	79	74	90	84
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	95	93	97	99
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	67	59	71	79

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

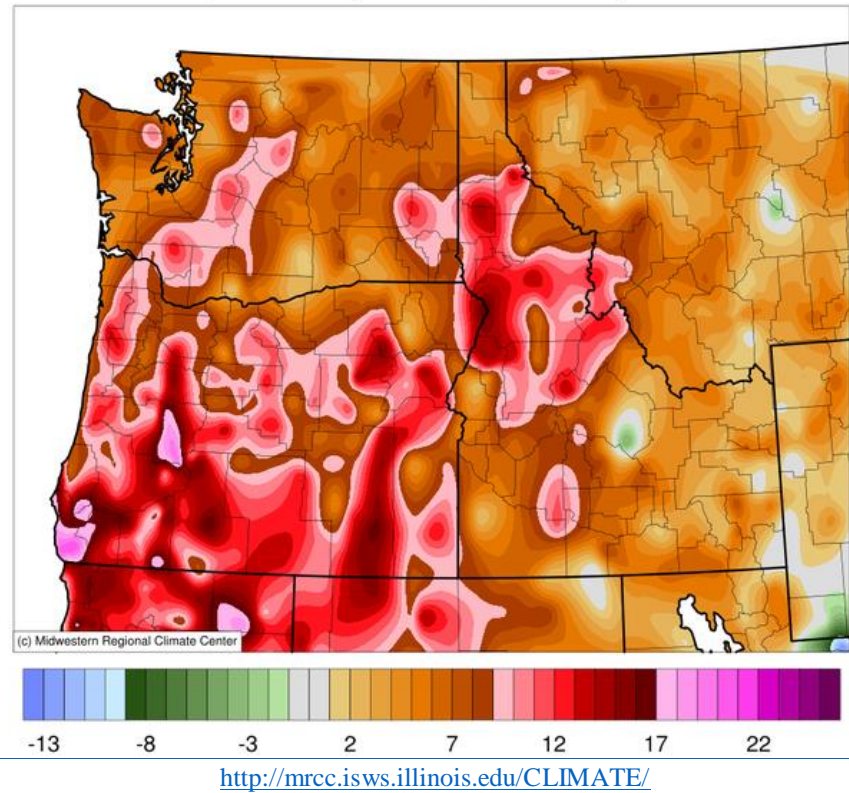
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

October 01, 2020 to October 04, 2020



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

September 28, 2020 to October 04, 2020



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