



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Idaho

Idaho had a milder winter in the north but cold conditions continued in the eastern region. Benewah and Kootenai Counties reported warming weather—temperatures in the high 40s in the day, freezing temperatures at night. Weather was favorable for calving across the Panhandle. There was above-average snowpack at higher elevations. Fall seeded crops were in good condition in Lewis County. Grass and winter wheat were greening up in Boundary County. Soil was still frozen, so no fieldwork was possible. Most fields in Latah and Nez Perce Counties were not snow-covered but snow existed on northern slopes. There was significant rainfall two weeks ago, followed by a dry week last week. Southwestern Idaho continued to have mild winter weather. Calving progressed nicely and hay stocks were in good condition. Mountain snow levels were above average in South-central Idaho; there was no current snow on the valley floor. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties had unexpected rain and snow in February. Temperatures at the end of the month were below average and the ground was frozen. There were good conditions for calving. Lincoln County had cold temperatures and windy days for the last two weeks. Snow was, for the most part, melted. Cattle were in good condition. Blaine County had a low snowpack. The northeastern corner of Idaho was still covered in snow banks and experienced cold temperatures. Ranchers were calving in Lemhi County. Eastern Idaho continued to have snow and cold weather conditions. Calving and lambing conditions were progressing.

## Oregon

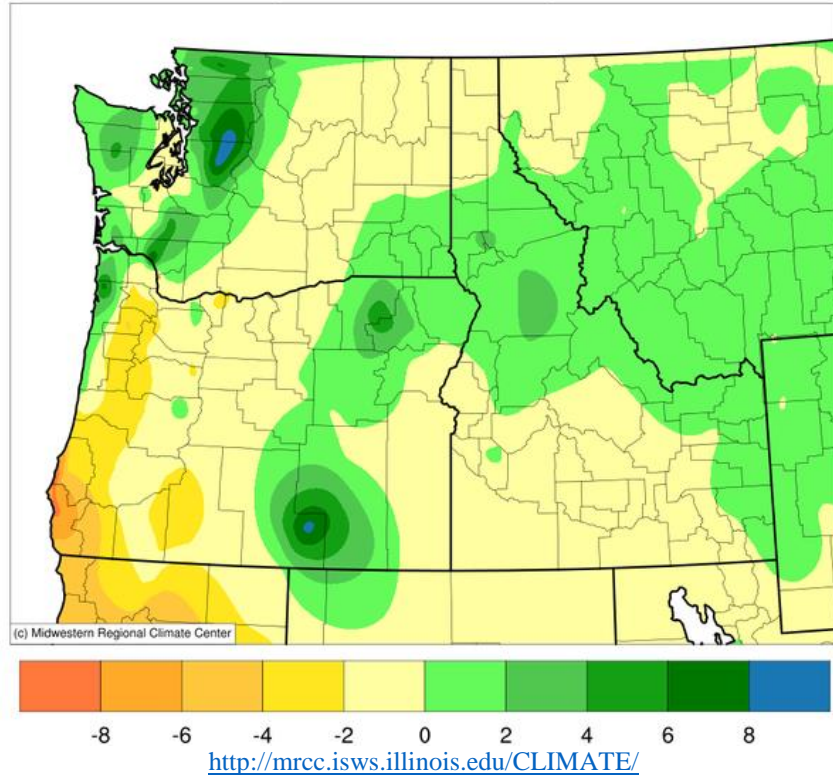
Oregon dried out in February from the wet January. Early fruit trees, native shrubs, and daffodils were starting to bloom in the Willamette Valley. Cattle producers were calving. Farmers in Clatsop and Tillamook began fieldwork and applied manure in fields. Cover crop grasses continued to grow. Pastures needed more time to dry before livestock could be let out. Temperatures were mild for the month, but nighttime temperatures dropped to the teens this week in the Gorge. The dryness of this area impacted the early stages of the wheat crop. Calving was progressing well. Southern Oregon had warm days and frosty nights. January weather pushed plum, apricot, and blueberries to bud early. Recent cold nights have slowed bud break. Producers started spraying fruit trees, berry crops, and ornamentals. Winter wheat and cover crops were in good condition. Cold mornings lowered detrimental insect populations.

## Washington

Western Washington continued to have an active and wet weather pattern. Water was pooling in many fields, but no damage was reported. Fair spring calving rates were reported despite the inclement conditions. San Juan County had severe rain events before February 10. Run-off volumes hit a 30-year record high. Water closed roadways and blew culverts. Livestock was still on winter feed and lambing was underway. Fall-planted crops in Skagit County were surviving, with the exception of fields without drainage. Flooding in Snohomish and Whatcom Counties suspended fieldwork. Klickitat County suffered from potential drought with no significant rainfall since January. Calving conditions were very good. Northeastern Washington had a mild month with snow showers and temperatures in the 30s. Some winter wheat fields started to green. Calving started. Crops in Lincoln County were in good condition. Snow melted, except for shaded areas. The county dried since January showers. Adams County had good moisture, normal temperatures, and crop conditions ahead of schedule. Some groundwork started and some grass started to grow. The winter wheat crop overwintered well. Soil moisture was in good condition with limited run-off. Whitman County has been dry and windy the last week with little precipitation. Soil moisture was adequate and rangeland was greening with annual grasses. There were good conditions for calving.

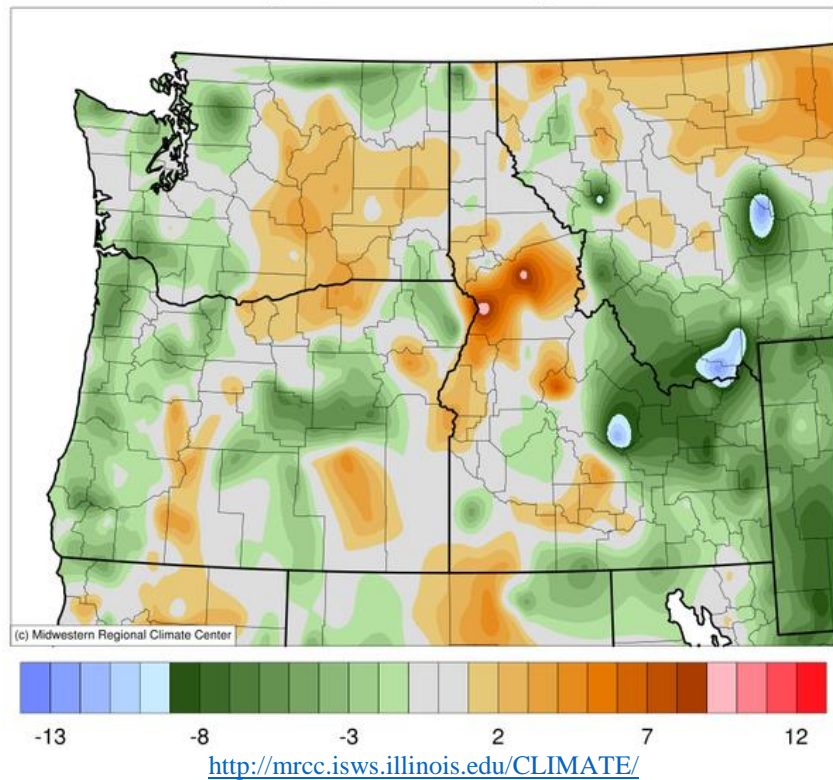
### Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

February 01, 2020 to February 24, 2020



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

February 01, 2020 to February 24, 2020



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