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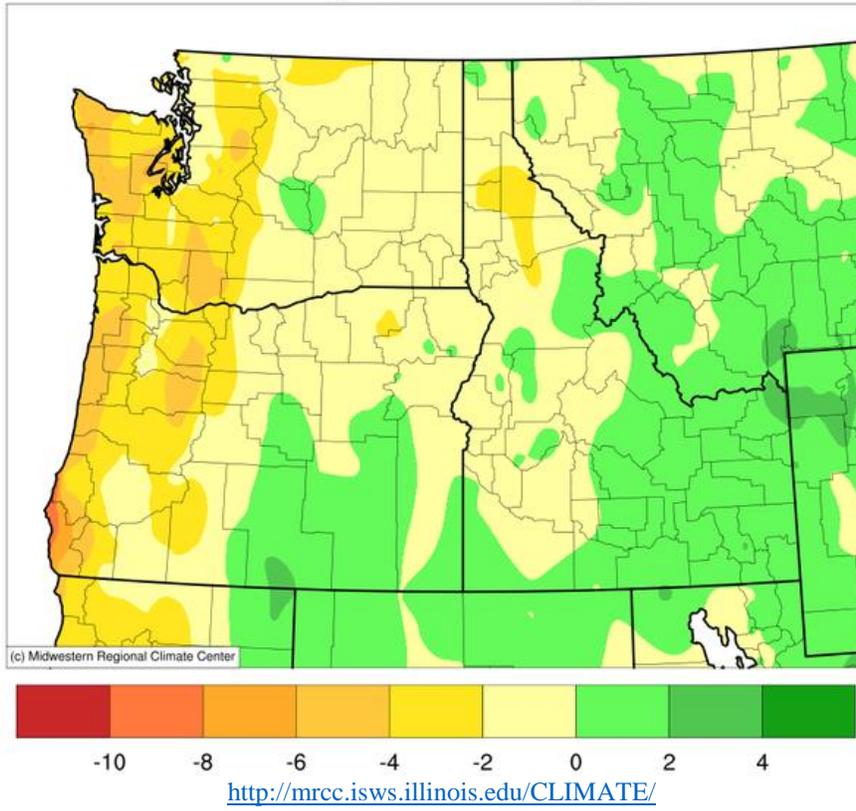
**Idaho:** Much of the State was still reporting cool to very cold weather. Benewah, Kootenai, and Boundary Counties all reported warm spring conditions. Some producers were out fertilizing and planting. Pastures were greening up. The soil conditions were favorable for farmers to get into their fields much earlier than usual. Spring calving was underway. In Jerome and Twin Falls Counties the weather remained cool. Spring cereal planting continued. Winter wheat looked good with no reported winter damage. Higher elevations remained under snow. Major activities included tillage, planting, hauling manure, burning ditches and aerating alfalfa fields. Winter vole damage was observed. In Clark and Fremont Counties it remained very cold. They had recently gotten the snow off the lower end of those counties, however there were still storms hitting the upper ends. Calving was in full swing and was winding down for most ranchers. Teton County reported there was still a lot of snow.

**Oregon:** The Statewide temperatures in Oregon for the month of March were near normal to below average throughout the State. Some storm activity brought added moisture to a good portion of the State in late March. The western half of the State was noticeably drier than average for the month of March. In the northern coastal region of Oregon, Polk County reported fewer disease and pest issues. Pasture grasses were adequate. The grass growth stayed ahead of the grazing. Fresh market farm irrigation was required in high tunnels due to fast growth. Transplanting was observed in cabbage, broccoli, kale, and chard. Field work started early in Clackamas County, but moisture late in the month put a damper on the amount of work accomplished. Organic dairy cows were put out to pasture. Mild conditions allowed some manure applications on pastures. Elsewhere in northern Oregon, cover crops on corn silage fields looked well established. Some spring grain went in before the weather returned to a typical wet cycle in late March. In north central Oregon, conditions were dry and windy for most of March. Producers planted some spring wheat and barley. Calving conditions remained good. In northeastern Oregon, a small amount of stripe rust was observed on winter wheat. Most acres received fungicide with spring herbicide application. Downy brome in winter wheat appeared better controlled than in the 2019 crop year. Winter canola was doing very well. In southwestern Oregon, field crops appeared to be in good shape. Orchard crops were pushing buds and flowering about 2-3 weeks earlier than average. Bartlett and D 'Anjou varieties were blooming. Apples were in the pink and pre-pink stage with early to mid-season varieties. Plums finished blooming and look to have an average set. Many peaches had mostly finished bloom. Bee activity in the mid to late day looked good after the cold morning warm up. Blueberry fields were about 7-10 days away from flowers opening and looked like a potentially very good bloom. Raspberry and blackberry fields were still in early bud break. In south central and southeastern Oregon, most irrigation districts were adequate, but behind last year's growing season. In the North Unit Irrigation District in Jefferson County 25% of the acres will be fallowed. Less hemp acres were planned for the 2020 crop.

**Washington:** Western Washington precipitation was below average in March. It was mild and dry across many counties in western Washington. Spring field preparation was under way. In Lewis, Grays Harbor, and Pacific Counties the weather had been erratic. Producers were spreading as much fertilizer as possible between the rain and hail. Winter calving was almost finished and spring calving had not started. Producers were anxious to start chopping haylage because dairy-quality organic hay had been difficult to find. In Thurston County the grass was not as green as producers were expecting. Jefferson County saw a lot of flooding due to increased rain activity in the later part of the month. In San Juan County some no-till drill pasture seeding had been attempted. Central Washington was dry. In Klickitat County there was very little pasture growing. The soil temperature remained low in Adams County because natural moisture was below average. In eastern Washington the winter wheat was in mostly good condition. Overall the conditions were average in eastern Washington.

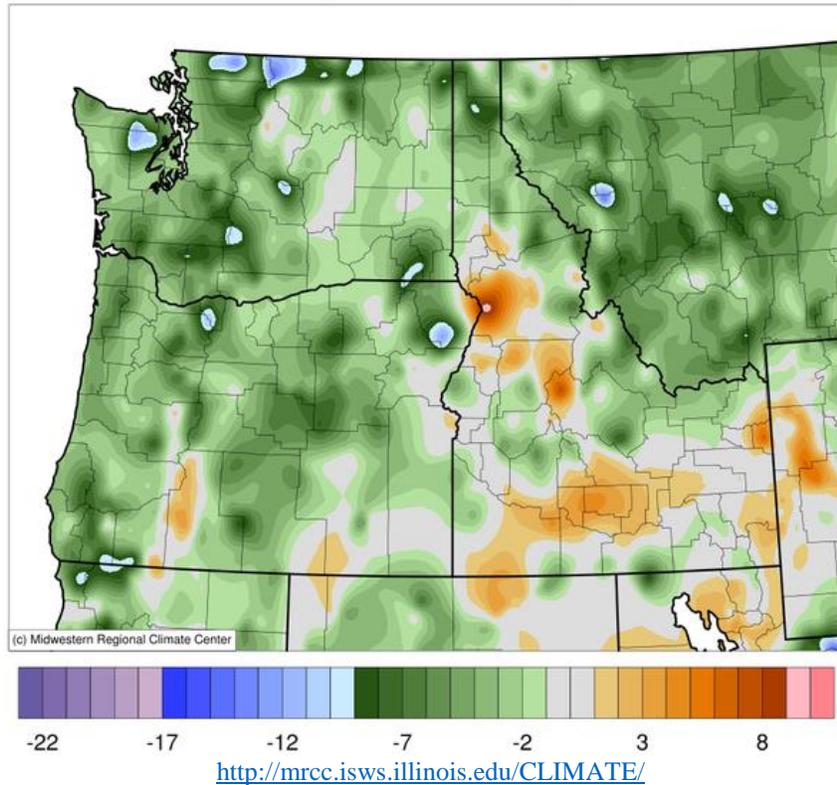
**Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**

March 01, 2020 to March 29, 2020



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

March 01, 2020 to March 29, 2020



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