



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Wildfires Sent Heavy Smoke into Idaho

There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork, unchanged from the previous week. Drought conditions continued in northern Idaho; thunderstorms last week left little to no rain. There was not a second cutting of hay in Boundary County. Severe heat and dry conditions caused producers to harvest grain crops as hay due to the lack of grain filling. Pastures were dormant which led to a severe forage shortage for both hay and pasture. In south central Idaho, heat continued to be an issue. Crops looked good where producers could keep water on them. For the past week, wind dried things quickly. Winter wheat harvest began, and corn started to silk. Range pastures were looking poor. Only the high elevation range had good grass. Heavy smoke from fires in California and Oregon filled the valley last week which hurt crop yield and growth. In southeast Idaho, overcast conditions from neighboring fires slowed plant growth. Irrigated crops kept up, but the irrigation canals were running dry.

## Grain Harvest Underway in Oregon

There were 7.0 days suitable for field work, up from 6.7 the previous week. In northwest Oregon, dry conditions persisted. Berry crops suffered from hot and dry conditions. Pastures saw less production and irrigation was not able to keep up with the severe drought conditions. Small fruit crops held up during the hot weather last week, but the earlier crops did have a loss. Nursery crops lost some cultivars but did well with good irrigation management. In Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, grass hay and silage harvest continued in the area. Lack of water started to show effect on some grass fields. Corn silage looked good. In north central Oregon, harvest of winter wheat began. Dry conditions continued and pasture ground nutrient value declined. In northeast Oregon, winter wheat yields were low in drier areas with incidence of higher proteins. Irrigation under the Mason Dam was turned off due to lack of water. In Malheur County, heat continued to stress crops and slow growth. Smoke and hazy conditions moved into the county. Pea seed harvest was almost complete and the third cutting of alfalfa hay started. Seed corn fields were detassled. There was a grasshopper infestation around Arock. In Lake County, the Bootleg Fire continued to burn.

## Washington Temperatures Remained Above Normal and Winter Wheat Harvest Picked up

There were 7.0 days suitable for field work, unchanged from the previous week. Statewide temperatures for the week ending July 18, were above normal. In San Juan County, high temperatures remained throughout the area. Water was needed for crops and livestock. In Snohomish County, blueberry harvest continued, but some were damaged due to severe heat levels. Some pastures went dormant due to lack of precipitation. In Okanogan County, winter wheat harvest began. Many producers hauled water to livestock. In Yakima County, hot and dry weather continued throughout the area. Nearly 12,000 acres of scrubland was destroyed from wildfires. Early harvest began for peach and Bartlett pear orchards. Hop vines reached the top of the trellis. In Whitman County, temperatures remained higher than normal. Winter wheat harvest began on the western side of the county.

### Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 07/18/21

Item and State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	37	34	29	-
Oregon.....	65	25	10	-
Washington.....	65	33	2	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	33	30	37	-
Oregon.....	57	33	10	-
Washington.....	54	35	11	-

- Represents zero.

**Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 07/18/21**

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Pasture and range</b>					
Idaho .....	17	31	31	21	-
Oregon .....	54	20	21	5	-
Washington.....	75	21	3	1	-
<b>Winter wheat</b>					
Idaho .....	12	37	29	15	7
Oregon .....	47	25	18	10	-
Washington.....	14	36	40	10	-
<b>Spring wheat</b>					
Idaho .....	9	33	36	15	7
Oregon .....	45	17	21	16	1
Washington.....	45	43	12	-	-
<b>Barley</b>					
Idaho .....	4	14	28	46	8
Oregon .....	17	16	33	31	3
Washington.....	25	38	37	-	-
<b>Oats</b>					
Idaho .....	4	31	35	21	9
Oregon .....	3	2	47	44	4
Washington.....	9	24	14	53	-
<b>Potatoes</b>					
Idaho .....	-	1	7	80	12
Oregon .....	-	3	25	46	26
Washington.....	-	12	67	21	-
<b>Corn</b>					
Idaho .....	-	2	4	78	16
Oregon .....	-	4	19	66	11
Washington.....	2	7	54	34	3
<b>Dry edible beans</b>					
Idaho .....	2	32	28	37	1
Washington.....	4	14	68	14	-
<b>Onions</b>					
Idaho .....	-	-	-	99	1
Oregon .....	-	5	26	49	20
Washington.....	-	25	74	1	-
<b>Sugarbeets</b>					
Idaho .....	-	2	23	57	18
Oregon .....	-	-	10	80	10
<b>Dry edible peas</b>					
Idaho .....	2	27	30	35	6
Oregon .....	42	33	18	7	-
Washington.....	12	42	25	21	-

- Represents zero.

**Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 07/18/21**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat headed .....	95	85	90	89
Winter wheat harvested .....	15	7	5	6
Barley headed.....	93	79	83	87
Oats headed .....	89	88	88	79
Field corn silking .....	29	7	27	39
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting.....	55	36	49	56
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

**Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 07/18/21**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested .....	4	1	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat harvested .....	39	16	13	18
Barley harvested .....	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats headed .....	96	94	93	(NA)
Oats harvested .....	5	(NA)	7	3
Potatoes harvested .....	2	1	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas harvested .....	54	8	35	35
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting.....	79	60	50	63
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

**Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 07/18/21**

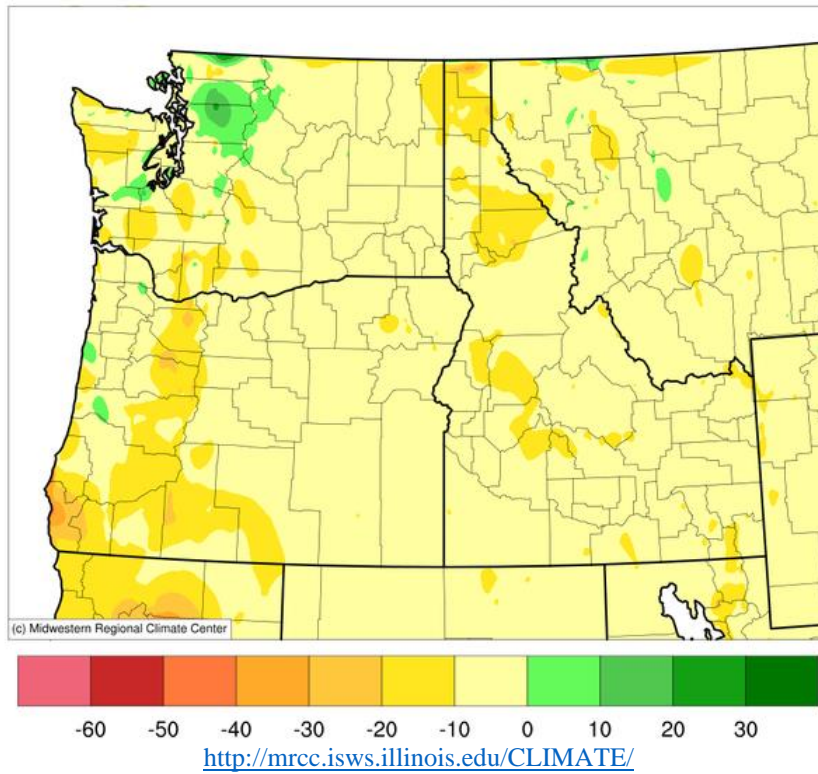
Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested .....	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winter wheat harvested .....	30	10	5	9
Barley harvested .....	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats headed .....	95	82	72	75
Oats harvested .....	2	(NA)	-	3
Potatoes harvested .....	4	3	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn silking .....	50	30	37	36
Dry edible peas harvested .....	13	2	12	14
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting.....	79	57	65	76
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

-Represents zero.

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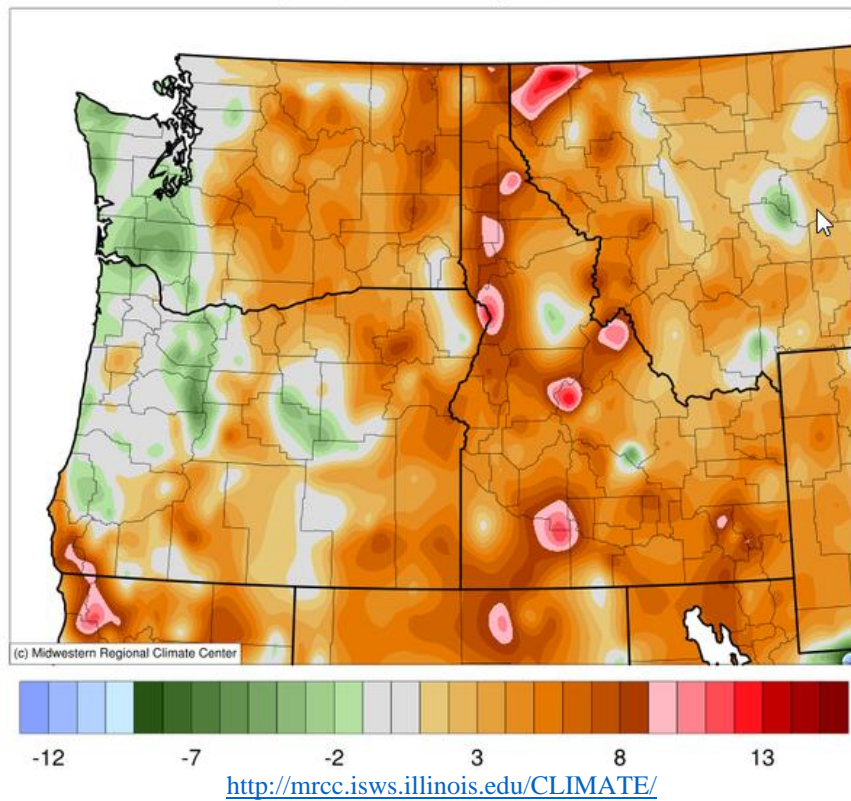
**Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**

October 01, 2020 to July 18, 2021



**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**

July 12, 2021 to July 18, 2021



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