



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Idaho Enjoyed a Brief Cool Down and Rainfall

There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork, down from 6.6 reported the previous week. Northern Idaho received rainfall near the end of the week. Grain harvest neared completion. Only a few hay producers were able to take a second cutting this year due to the very dry conditions. In southwest Idaho, there continued to be a lot of pressure on pasture. Some livestock producers were already supplementing with hay. Fall pasture was used early. The heat stressed dry beans in the valley and some onions as well. Some hay growers were concerned about not getting a third cutting of alfalfa. Some hay producers in upper Washington and Adams County were unable to get a second cutting, even on irrigated ground, due to heat stress. In south central Idaho, alfalfa fourth cutting started. Potato harvest also began. Several potato fields were observed where vines had been killed. Potato unloading equipment was set up on several farms. In southeast Idaho, rain came just in time to wet the second cutting of hay. In Teton County, recent rain showers helped crop growth. Irrigation channels, however, continued to run low and dry. Irrigation districts required alternating watering schedules to conserve water.

## Some Precipitation Received, but Hot and Dry Conditions Persisted in Oregon

There were 6.8 days suitable for field work, an increase from 6.7 the previous week. In northwest Oregon, there was a second good week for most crops. Livestock needed supplemental feed as pastures remained dormant. Some feed value remained in sub-irrigated and well managed fields. Overall, dry weather continued. In north central Oregon, hot and dry weather persisted. Harvest started to wrap up in most of the area. Fields were sprayed for weeds. Crops did not look good. In northeast Oregon, Baker County received rain. Cows were put on hay meadows early with very little grass due to lack of water after first cutting. In Umatilla and Wallowa Counties, fall planting was delayed. In Malheur County, early season potato harvest began after delays due to wet fields. Early onion harvest also resumed. Growers sprayed sprout inhibitor on long term storage onions. Harvested wheat fields began irrigation in preparation for fall field work. In Lake County, some portions received rain. Alfalfa second cutting was not completed in portions of the county. In Klamath County, planted crops did fine with limited irrigation. Smoke and occasional rain slowed hay progress. Second cutting finished. Most of the typically farmed fields were idle. Range conditions were poor throughout the county.

## Harvest Continued Throughout Washington

There were 6.9 days suitable for field work, up from 6.7 the previous week. Statewide temperatures for the week ending August 8, were above normal. In Jefferson County, the weather remained very dry. Crops showed stress and growth slowed down. Crops were ahead in maturity compared to a normal year. In Whatcom County, producers struggled to keep up with irrigation required for grass and corn. Raspberry harvest concluded with damages from hot and dry conditions. In San Juan County, drought conditions remained. Ponds used for irrigation dropped as water was pumped for irrigation on farms. In Chelan County, winter wheat harvest progressed quickly and was coming to an end. Livestock producers struggled to find pasture and hay to feed their herds. Lightning storms throughout the week caused several fires. In Yakima County, hot and dry weather continued throughout the area. Peach and plum harvest began. Bartlett pears sized up and apple producers looked at a large crop. Hop cones formed and harvest was near. In Douglas County, conditions were extremely dry. A little precipitation was received, but it had no positive impact on crops throughout the area.

## Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/08/21

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	38	36	26	-
Oregon.....	77	13	10	-
Washington.....	78	22	-	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	42	36	22	-
Oregon.....	63	27	10	-
Washington.....	62	33	5	-

- Represents zero.

**Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/08/21**

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho .....	30	37	24	9	
Oregon .....	62	21	14	3	
Washington.....	79	17	3	1	
Spring wheat					
Idaho .....	9	26	34	23	8
Washington.....	46	47	7	-	
Barley					
Idaho .....	5	13	21	47	14
Washington.....	28	38	34	-	
Oats					
Idaho .....	8	28	23	26	15
Washington.....	8	22	16	54	
Potatoes					
Idaho .....	-	1	8	74	17
Oregon .....	-	3	28	45	24
Washington.....	-	33	60	7	
Corn					
Idaho .....	-	1	7	64	28
Oregon .....	-	4	18	67	11
Washington.....	5	11	54	27	3
Dry edible beans					
Idaho .....	5	34	26	32	3
Washington.....	-	19	69	12	
Onions					
Idaho .....	-	-	20	75	5
Oregon .....	-	2	24	54	20
Washington.....	-	30	69	1	
Sugarbeets					
Idaho .....	-	-	5	53	42
Oregon .....	-	-	10	80	10
Dry edible peas					
Idaho .....	4	31	24	38	3

- Represents zero.

**Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 08/08/21**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested .....	37	9	19	21
Winter wheat harvested .....	71	47	33	47
Barley harvested .....	40	13	19	25
Oats harvested .....	39	17	28	26
Potatoes harvested .....	2	(NA)	4	2
Field corn silking .....	96	83	91	91
Field corn dough .....	40	22	34	40
Field corn dented .....	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas harvested .....	32	11	4	14
Onions harvested.....	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting.....	98	91	87	88
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	38	28	27	27

(NA) Not available.

**Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 08/08/21**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested .....	75	50	39	43
Winter wheat harvested .....	92	83	75	76
Barley harvested .....	80	55	44	42
Oats harvested .....	77	52	41	37
Potatoes harvested .....	23	16	15	22
Dry edible peas harvested .....	89	85	85	79
Onions harvested.....	4	1	5	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	47	30	31	28

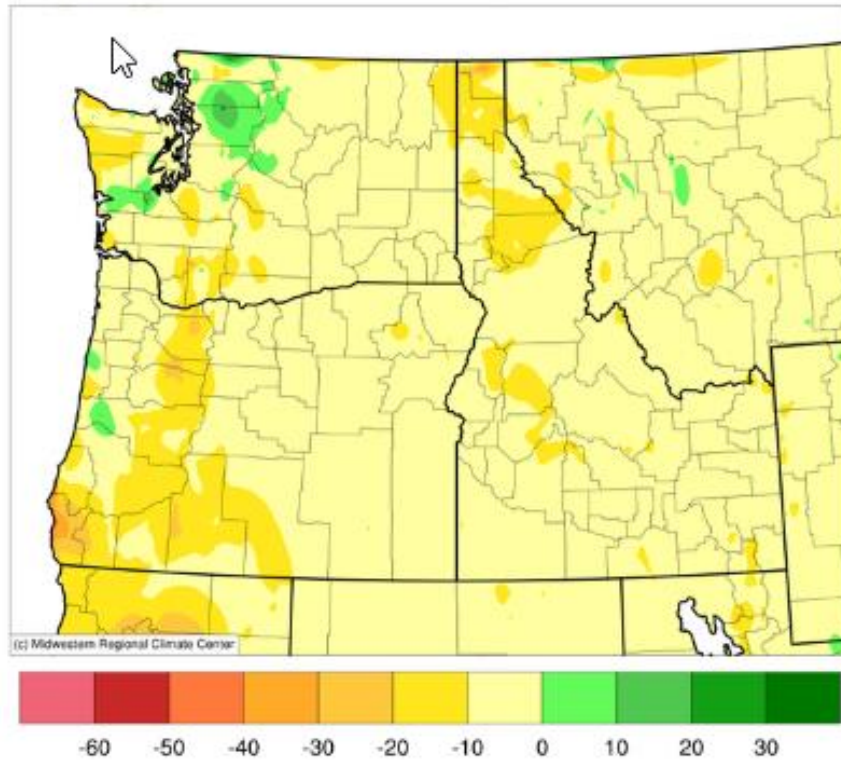
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**Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 08/08/21**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested .....	57	40	16	22
Winter wheat harvested .....	84	74	52	55
Barley harvested .....	62	38	22	23
Oats harvested .....	54	33	15	21
Potatoes harvested .....	19	11	23	17
Field corn silking .....	86	78	69	77
Field corn dough .....	26	17	18	24
Dry edible peas harvested .....	59	54	38	59
Onions harvested.....	8	3	14	11
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	36	16	33	49

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

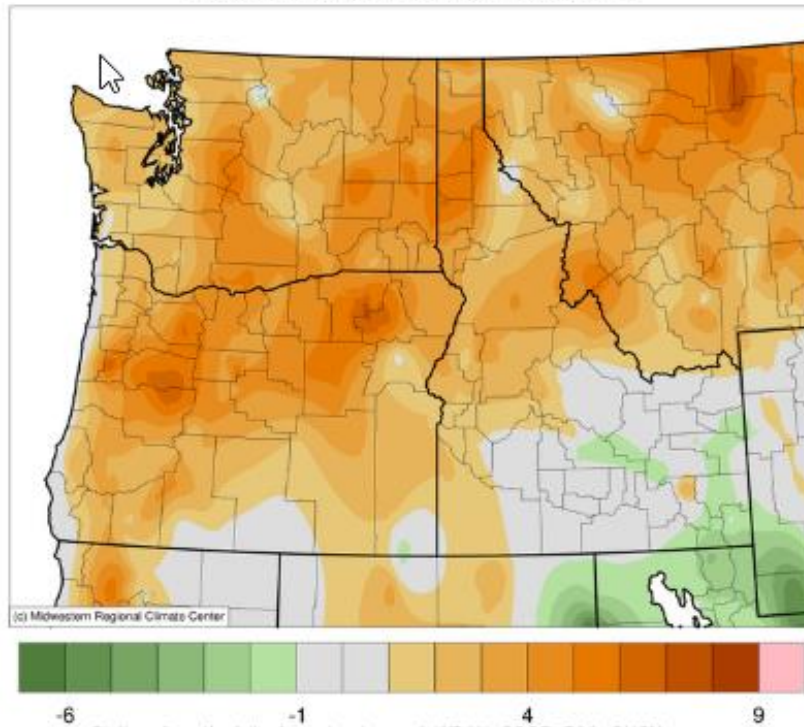
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**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**

August 02, 2021 to August 08, 2021



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