



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Cooler Temperature and Dry Weather Aided Harvest Work in Idaho

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork, up from 6.6 days reported the previous week. Temperatures continued to run below normal in much of the state. Grain harvest neared completion. Row crop harvest started to ramp up statewide. Potatoes and onions were harvested in western and south central Idaho. Hop harvest started in western Idaho for some varieties. Northern Idaho reported cooler temperatures and some minor amounts of rainfall. There were early reports of undersized and deformed potatoes in south central Idaho as harvest was getting started. Early and prolonged heat along with the continued smoke all summer was not beneficial for potatoes or onions. Corn progressed at an above normal pace and sugar beets appeared to be in good shape despite the weather. Corn silage harvest started. In the high country, most producers have wrapped up hay harvest.

## Cooler Temperatures Continued in Oregon

There were 7.0 days suitable for field work, up from 6.7 the previous week. In northwest Oregon, the cooler temperatures relieved heat stress for livestock and crops. There were some isolated showers and cloud cover. Pasture conditions continued to degrade due to overgrazing and lack of irrigation water to keep up with demand. In Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, the continued dry weather affected forage quality. Irrigated fields have remained productive but returns on forage diminished. In north central Oregon, mild weather helped pasture conditions. Grain harvest was completed. Producers prepared fields to start seeding. In northeast Oregon, conditions remained dry. In southwest Oregon, mild temperatures made the extreme drought less stressful. Growers irrigated every few days instead of daily. There was a resurgence of codling moth in apples and powdery mildew in squash and cucumbers due to the cooler nights. Wine grape quality looked excellent. Pear harvest began with Bartlett pears. Fall seeding of grains and cover crops delayed. In Malheur County, conditions for field work were good all week and fall field work continued. Harvest of sweet corn and dry bean began. Most early season onion harvest concluded. Silage corn harvest began and the final alfalfa hay cutting continued. Forage conditions were not improved, but fire danger decreased with the cooler temperatures.

## Cooler Temperatures with Periodic Rainfall Throughout Washington

There were 7.0 days suitable for field work, up from the previous week. Statewide temperatures for the week ending August 29, were below normal. In Jefferson County, the weather remained dry with cooler temperatures. There were a few isolated light showers. Many crops suffered from lack of moisture. Grass growth was shut down. In San Juan County, there was no change in livestock management. Tree fruit crops sized up and early apples were harvested. CSA farms continued to harvest good crops. In Chelan County, there was cooler, more seasonal weather. Winter Wheat planting progressed with dry soil conditions. In Yakima County, cooler weather helped, but reoccurring winds hampered containment of the Schneider Springs fire that approached 79,000 acres. Bartlett pear and early-variety apple harvest continued. Hop harvest started over the weekend. In Adams County, there was good seasonal weather. Dry beans turned about five days later than average.

## Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/29/21

Item and State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	38	36	26	-
Oregon.....	75	12	13	-
Washington.....	70	24	6	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	35	37	28	-
Oregon.....	73	15	12	-
Washington.....	60	30	10	-

- Represents zero.

**Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/29/21**

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho .....	24	35	29	12	-
Oregon .....	68	16	13	3	-
Washington.....	75	17	4	4	-
Potatoes					
Idaho .....	-	6	15	61	18
Oregon .....	-	4	28	52	16
Washington.....	-	24	59	17	-
Corn					
Idaho .....	-	1	5	68	26
Oregon .....	-	4	17	68	11
Washington.....	1	6	47	41	5
Dry edible beans					
Idaho .....	7	35	26	31	1
Washington.....	6	26	63	5	-
Onions					
Idaho .....	-	-	40	59	1
Oregon .....	-	2	24	54	20
Washington.....	-	40	60	-	-
Sugarbeets					
Idaho .....	-	5	13	49	33
Oregon .....	-	-	10	80	10

- Represents zero.

### Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 08/29/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested .....	86	71	69	69
Winter wheat planted .....	3	(NA)	3	1
Barley harvested .....	88	73	78	80
Oats harvested .....	81	69	76	77
Potatoes harvested .....	10	8	7	6
Field corn dough .....	97	86	81	80
Field corn dented .....	56	40	32	43
Field corn mature .....	11	4	1	3
Field corn harvested for silage .....	3	(NA)	1	4
Dry edible beans harvested .....	30	6	4	18
Dry edible peas harvested .....	97	90	79	82
Onions harvested .....	11	9	9	14
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting .....	73	67	62	67
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting .....	33	16	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

### Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 08/29/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested .....	95	90	77	87
Winter wheat planted .....	2	1	1	1
Barley harvested .....	95	91	74	83
Oats harvested .....	94	90	67	78
Potatoes harvested .....	39	33	34	41
Field corn harvested for silage .....	5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Onions harvested .....	15	12	21	19
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting .....	85	75	82	70

(NA) Not available.

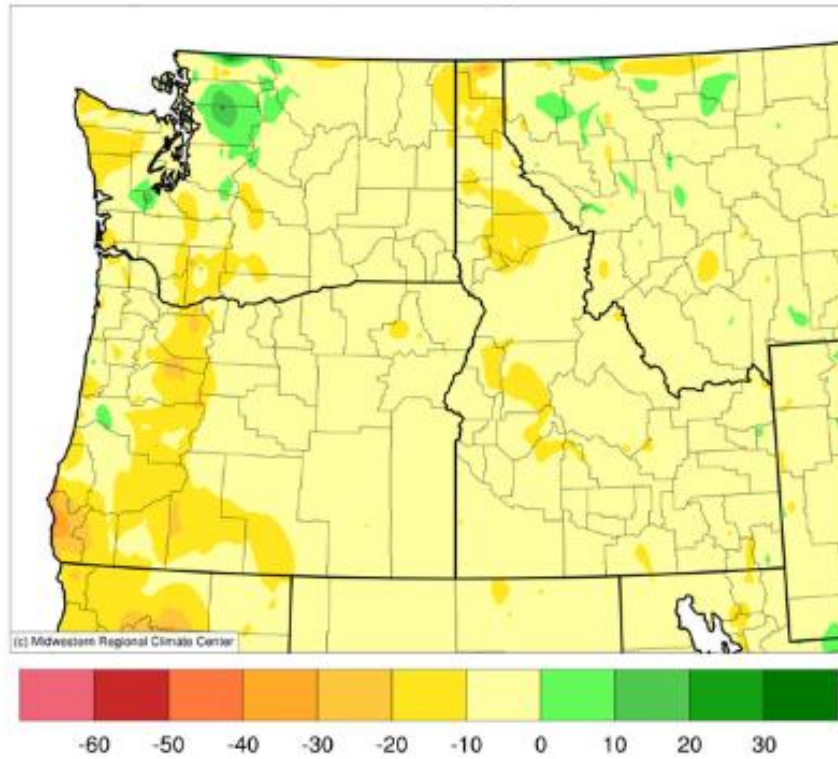
### Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 08/29/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested .....	95	87	60	71
Winter wheat planted .....	18	7	14	7
Barley harvested .....	95	89	66	70
Oats harvested .....	93	86	57	58
Potatoes harvested .....	35	31	41	30
Field corn dough .....	63	40	57	53
Field corn dented .....	19	8	17	13
Field corn mature .....	3	1	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for silage .....	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans harvested .....	25	3	31	28
Dry edible peas harvested .....	73	69	68	80
Onions harvested .....	25	22	59	38
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting .....	76	71	66	77
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting .....	21	13	5	22

(NA) Not available.

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

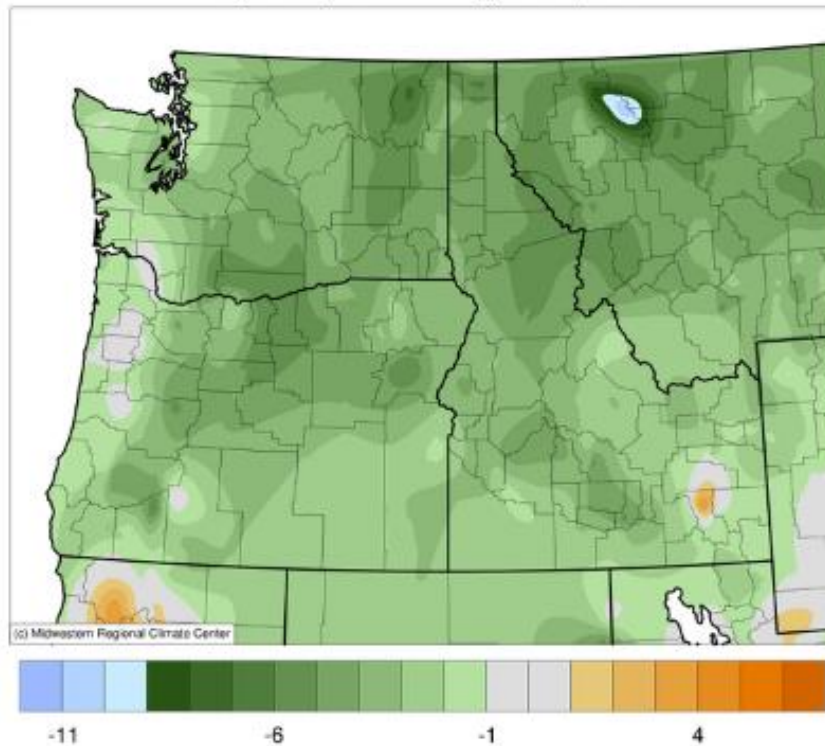
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**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**

August 23, 2021 to August 29, 2021



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