



Crop Progress and Condition



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Potatoes, Silage Corn, and Onion Harvests Picked Up in Idaho

There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork, up from 6.5 days the previous week. Temperatures were near normal throughout much of the State. A nice autumn week with continued dry conditions helped farmers work newly harvested row crops fields, plant fall grains, and wrap up third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa. In south central Idaho, a few acres of beets were harvested, but the main digs were yet to start. Potatoes were also harvested. Some high moisture ear corn started to come off fields. Winter cereals, both triticale and wheat, were planted. Silage harvest was in full swing and rapidly advanced. The onion harvest continued in southwest Idaho. In eastern Idaho, farmers irrigated fields in preparation for potato harvest. There was a hard frost reported at the beginning of the week in Teton County.

Mixed Conditions Reported in Oregon

There were 6.8 days suitable for field work, an increase from 6.4 days the previous week. In northwest Oregon, grass and pasture conditions were slow to respond to rain due to overgrazing under drought conditions. Pastures recovered if well-managed. There was a mix of warm, dry days and cool, rainy days. Most crops were harvested. Fall agronomic crops were planted. There was normal fall weather and farm activity cycle. In north central Oregon, some rain fell. It was enough to help with the topsoil moisture and producers wanted to start planting their wheat. Pastures greened up a little bit with the rain, but not enough to help with feed shortages. Some cattle herds started calving. Producers tried to finish up prepping their fields for seed. In northeast Oregon, the weather continued to stay dry. In Malheur County, warm and dry conditions were conducive for harvest. Onion, corn and bean harvest continued. Growers made their final alfalfa cutting. Range managers took advantage of conditions to prepare for fall seedings. Some permittees had to move cattle off public lands early due to lack of feed. In Lake County, no rain was received, and yearly precipitation totals remained below average. The Cougar Peak Fire was under control. Cattle producers started to ship to their fall pastures.

Favorable Weather for Farming Throughout Washington

There were 6.6 days suitable for field work, up from 6.1 the previous week. Statewide temperatures for the week were above normal. In San Juan County, cooler nights were reported with some rainfall throughout the week. Corn and potato harvests were in full swing. Seed crop harvest was near completion. In Jefferson County, many areas received enough rain to help ground moisture for potato harvest. Corn harvest reported good maturity and quality. In Yakima County, there was much needed rainfall throughout the area. Field crews were harvesting summer squash, melons, tomatoes, and peppers. Apple harvest continued and field crews brought in later apple varieties. Hop harvest was nearing completion. In Whitman County, dry conditions remained throughout the area and kept farmers from seeding.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/26/21

Item and State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	33	42	24	1
Oregon.....	66	17	17	-
Washington.....	67	27	5	1
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	31	42	26	1
Oregon.....	68	17	15	-
Washington.....	68	27	4	1

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/26/21

Crop and State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	28	29	28	15	-
Oregon.....	69	17	11	3	-
Washington.....	80	18	1	1	-
Potatoes					
Idaho.....	-	6	24	59	11
Corn					
Idaho.....	-	-	3	77	20
Oregon.....	1	3	13	72	11
Washington.....	-	4	50	46	-
Sugarbeets					
Idaho.....	-	4	9	52	35
Oregon.....	-	-	10	80	10

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 09/26/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	54	34	35	40
Winter wheat emerged.....	15	4	8	10
Oats harvested	95	92	94	95
Potatoes harvested.....	33	19	50	42
Sugarbeets harvested.....	16	14	23	23
Field corn mature.....	68	64	33	48
Field corn harvested for grain	3	(NA)	1	6
Field corn harvested for silage	60	35	48	46
Dry edible beans harvested	81	73	79	77
Onions harvested	75	60	66	63
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	98	93	91	94
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	52	47	41	50

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 09/26/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	10	7	16	23
Winter wheat emerged.....	1	(NA)	5	5
Potatoes harvested.....	67	60	60	62
Sugarbeets harvested.....	7	4	(NA)	5
Field corn harvested for grain	10	6	7	12
Field corn harvested for silage	68	53	32	41
Onions harvested	51	46	49	58

(NA) Not available.

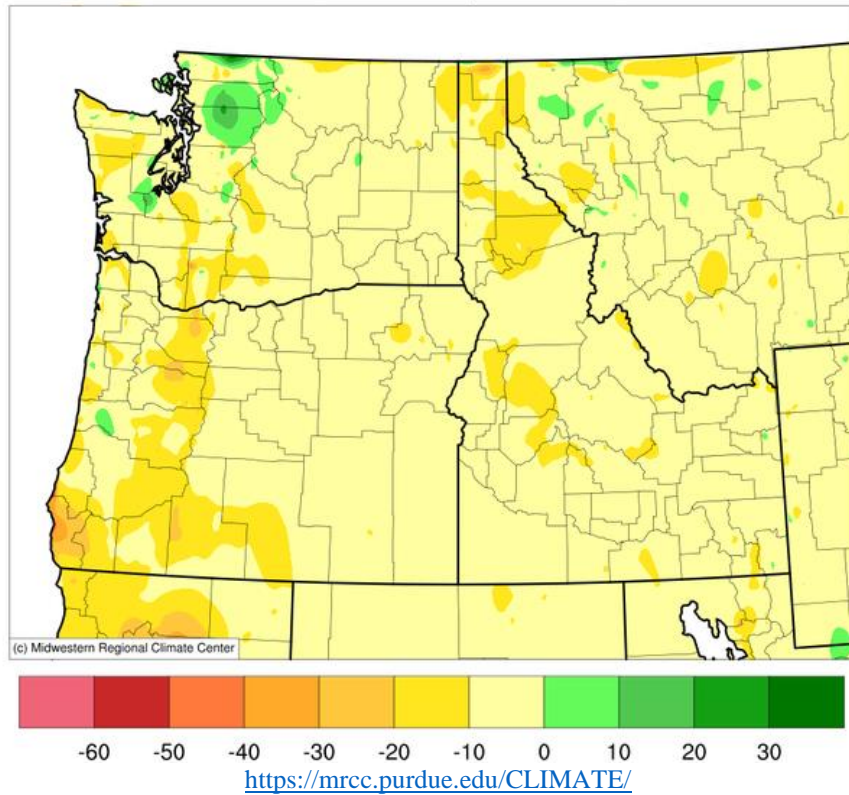
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 09/26/21

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	67	58	58	60
Winter wheat emerged.....	26	16	30	26
Potatoes harvested.....	55	48	66	54
Field corn dough.....	95	92	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn dented.....	68	58	78	73
Field corn mature.....	35	26	57	43
Field corn harvested for grain	10	3	38	14
Field corn harvested for silage	51	35	54	48
Dry edible beans harvested	95	91	92	82
Dry edible peas harvested	94	91	94	96
Onions harvested	62	55	73	69
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	95	90	93	97
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	42	35	57	69

(NA) Not available.

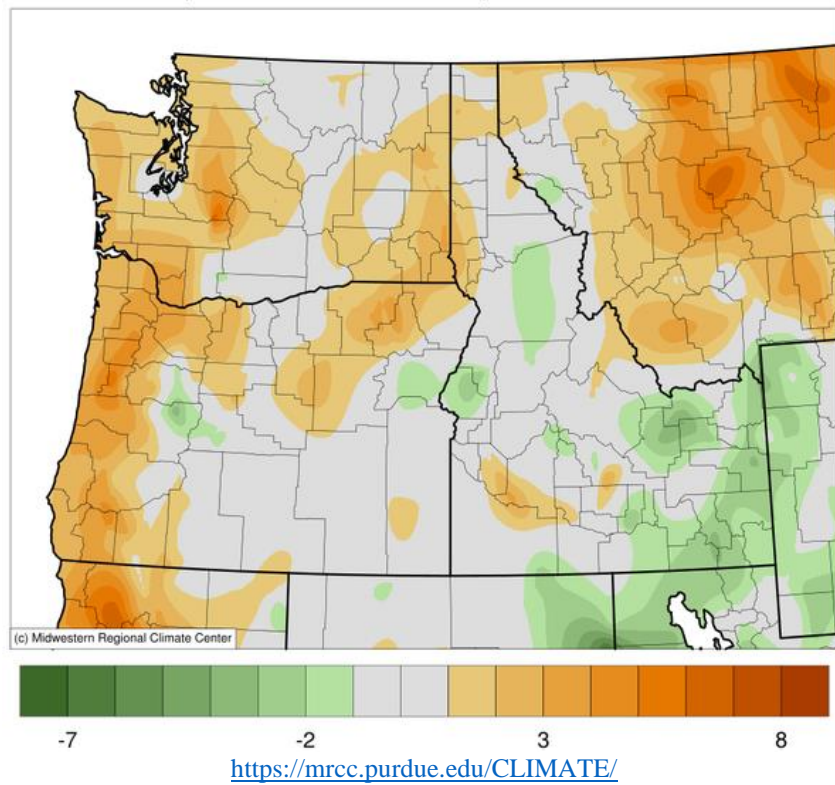
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

October 01, 2020 to September 26, 2021



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

September 20, 2021 to September 26, 2021



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