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Idaho

The average temperatures in Idaho for the month of December varied from below normal to normal for most regions of the State. Accumulated precipitation remained slightly below to slightly above normal for the water year. Northern Idaho had cooler than average temperatures and heavy snowfalls throughout December. In southwest Idaho, temperatures were above freezing, with good precipitation. Hay stocks looked good. In south central Idaho, conditions were cold with little moisture. Rain on top of frozen soil caused some ponding in late December. Weather conditions were favorable for livestock. In eastern Idaho, temperatures were below normal, with heavy snowfall. While reservoir levels remained low, growers were cautiously optimistic about the snowpack in Bonneville and Madison Counties. Livestock was fed hay, and hay stores were adequate. Teton County experienced extremely cold temperatures followed by warmer temperatures leading to ice buildup in some areas. Bannock and Bingham Counties received persistent moisture in the form of snow and rain.

Oregon

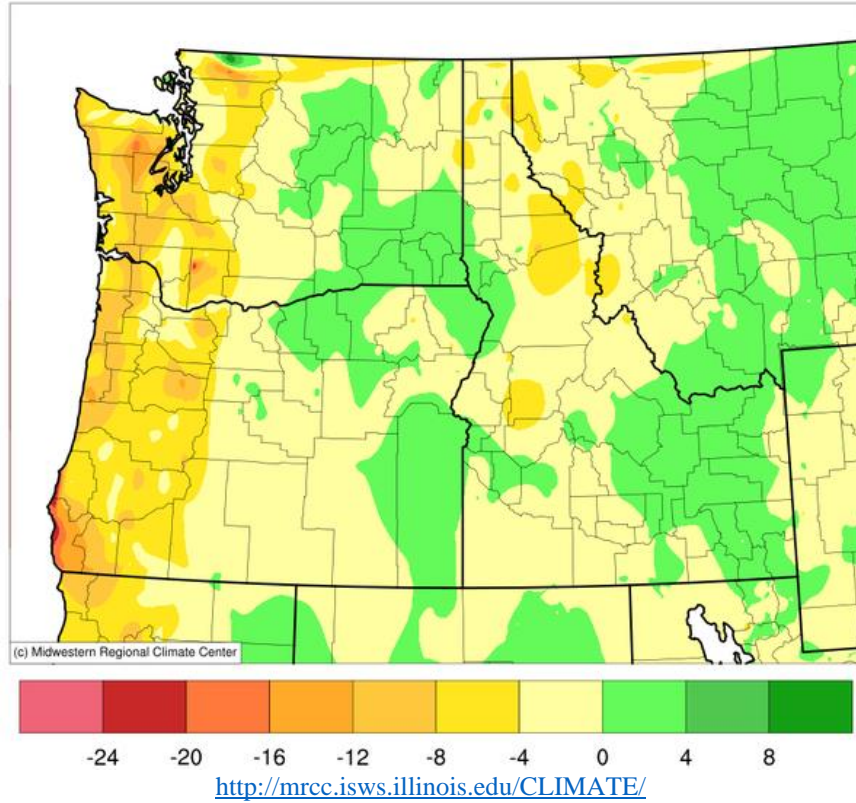
Moisture conditions throughout the State ranged from very wet to wet for December. However, the western part of Oregon was below normal for seasonal precipitation. Temperatures ranged from lower than normal to normal. Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties reported record low temperatures and flooding in low areas. In Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties, berries had floral buds, and other agronomic crops were in good condition. Low temperatures affected some nursery container materials. Polk County reported normal conditions. Benton and Lincoln Counties reported cold conditions likely affected livestock. A snowstorm resulted in downed trees that contributed to power outages. Tillamook and Clatsop Counties reported very wet conditions. Fields were seeded, but growth was slow. Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, and Wasco Counties reported runoff due to freezing temperatures, resulting in isolated flooding of fields with diversion ditches full of standing water. Cattle started to calve, and no losses were reported due to the weather. Umatilla and Wallowa Counties reported runoff and erosion in some fields due to frost and high precipitation. Winter wheat was doing well, however, some winter wheat stands were late to emerge due to a lack of autumn precipitation, resulting in a lack of overall number of stands. Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine Counties reported good rainfall, albeit below average. Malheur County reported snowpack and annual precipitation above 100 percent for both the Owyhee and Malheur River Basins. They still had a long way to go due to reservoirs being completely drained last crop season. Growers were hesitant to acquire seeds and other supplies for crops that require vast amounts of water, such as corn. Wheeler County reported good moisture conditions. However, erosion of fields was reported due to frozen soil.

Washington

Central Washington experienced low temperatures during December. In Klickitat and Yakima Counties, the ground had been covered in snow for about a month. Cattle were fed on winter ground. In Benton County, the weather through crop producing areas dropped into the single digits in the early morning hours. Perennial crops were dormant, and no orchard or agricultural activities were observed. Northeast Washington also saw a lot of snowfall in December. In Stevens County, there was one week of below freezing temperatures. There were no reports of flooding or livestock issues. Pend Oreille and Spokane Counties also saw snow, but it was not as cold. In the heart of Washington, an arctic blast swept through and caused sub-zero temperatures. This was followed by freezing rain and snow, which caused slick conditions. In Adams and Lincoln Counties, winter wheat was in mostly good to excellent condition, despite the weather. In southeast Washington, most counties saw above average snowfall. In Asotin and Garfield Counties, there were a few days of below-zero temperatures, and some livestock losses were reported. Most crops were snow covered, which should help limit crop loss.

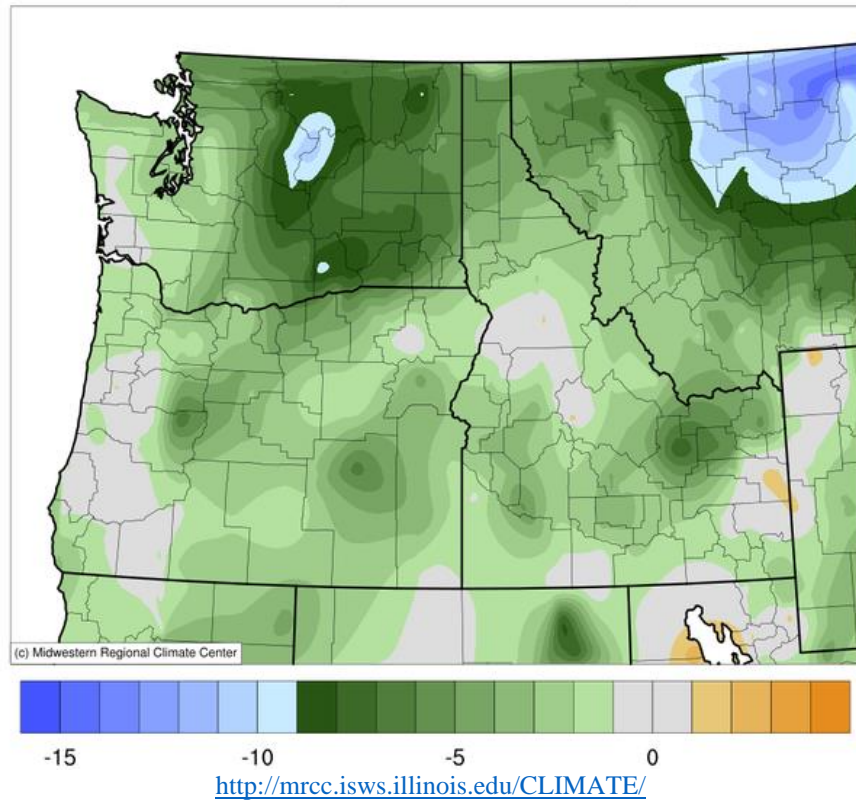
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals


October 01, 2022 to December 31, 2022



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

December 01, 2022 to December 31, 2022



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