



Crop Progress and Condition



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Idaho Planting Progress Remained Well Behind Normal

There were 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho, up from 1.1 days reported the previous week. Most of Idaho remained cooler than normal. Significant new snowfall was reported in southwest Idaho. Some spring grains, onions, sugarbeets, and potatoes were planted. In northern Idaho, a small number of small grain acres were planted. Onion planting started in southwest Idaho. In south central Idaho, there was some rain and snow early in the week. Later in the week, things dried out enough for farmers to get in the fields. Spring cereals were finally being planted. Potato ground was bedded, and some potato planting was reported over the weekend. This was the first week farmers were in the fields in earnest. New plantings and forage for grazing needed heat units for growth. Eastern Idaho still had a significant amount of snow on farmland. Some counties reported the spring thaw had begun. There were still a few feet of snow on the valley floors of Teton County. A historic snow event was reported in Chubbuck, just north of Pocatello. No field work started in Bingham and Bannock Counties. Fields were covered in snow and water. In good news, some reservoirs were nearing capacity with significant snowpack still in place. Overall, Idaho planting progress remained well behind normal.

Cold, Wet Spring Continued in Oregon

There were 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon, up from 3.3 days the previous week. In northwest Oregon, cold, wet weather deterred spring planting and slowed emergence. Slugs were reported on susceptible crops. There was not much field activity except manure applications. In north central Oregon, pastures looked better with the moisture and warming temperatures. Wheat grew and filled out. In Malheur County, sporadic showers allowed some fieldwork to proceed. Onion planting began. Warm weather late in the week increased stream flows. Snowpack continued to build. In Lake County, some precipitation fell during the week.

Cold Start to Spring in Washington

There were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington, up from 4.1 days last week. In western Washington, producers completed some fieldwork between rain showers. In San Juan County, moisture levels were slightly below previous years, but cold conditions slowed fieldwork and grass growth. Central Washington continued to see cold temperatures and had some rainfall. Temperatures warmed up some, but grass was still not growing and was about three weeks behind. Cattlemen were anxious to turn out livestock, but they had no pasture. In Yakima County, cloud cover and rainy conditions were reported. Grain was being planted in the eastern part of the county. Apricots were suddenly in bloom, apples were in tight clusters, and cherries showed bud swelling. Honeybees were distributed within soft fruit orchards, and water ran through irrigation canals. A significant portion of hop yards were strung up to receive hop bines, and irrigation was laid down. More vegetable fields were tilled, and crews weeded green onion fields. In northeast Washington, producers had scattered snow, partly sunny skies, and showers. In Douglas County, producers faced snow mold problems, especially in the western part of the county. After a warm, rainy weekend, snow only remained on some slopes in Douglas County. Soil moisture was still limited in Lincoln County. In southeast Washington, spring work started for most farms.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/09/23

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	-	3	73	24
Oregon.....	11	15	53	21
Washington.....	15	17	55	13
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	-	21	65	14
Oregon.....	7	21	63	9
Washington.....	13	18	66	3

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/09/23

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	8	21	44	26	1
Oregon.....	19	24	39	17	1
Washington.....	14	15	42	29	-
Winter wheat					
Idaho.....	1	17	72	10	-
Oregon.....	4	19	35	39	3
Washington.....	3	18	40	38	1

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 04/09/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	2	-	21	20
Barley planted.....	2	-	24	21
Oats planted.....	2	-	12	14
Potatoes planted.....	1	-	14	10
Sugarbeets planted.....	2	1	32	29
Dry edible peas planted.....	2	-	24	16
Onions planted.....	9	1	88	54

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 04/09/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	40	29	64	51
Spring wheat emerged.....	1	(NA)	23	(NA)
Barley planted.....	7	5	27	35
Oats planted.....	7	5	23	35
Potatoes planted.....	20	13	28	28
Sugarbeets planted.....	4	1	80	59
Field corn planted.....	(NA)	(NA)	1	4
Dry edible peas planted.....	15	7	41	50
Onions planted.....	10	1	66	54

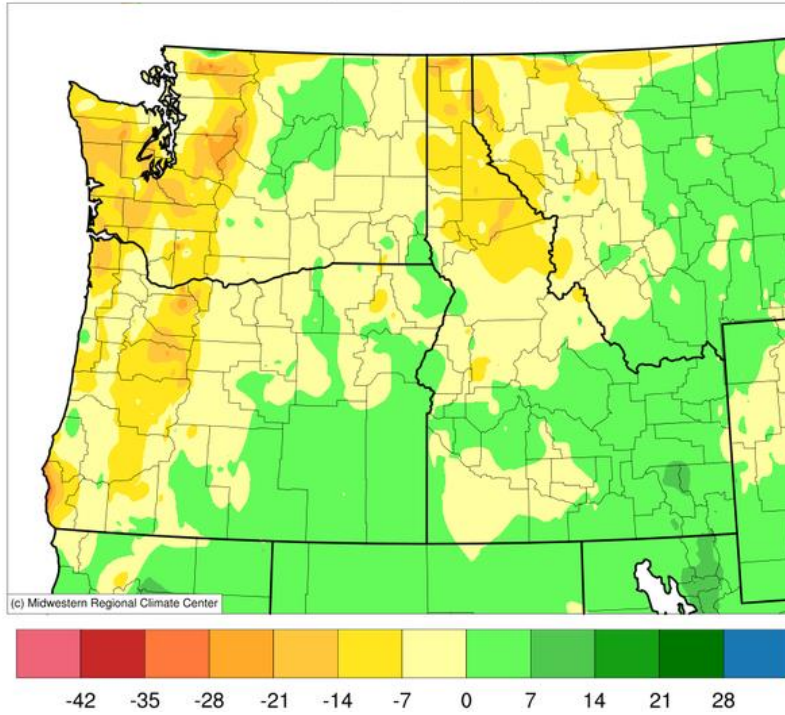
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Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 04/09/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	11	6	31	33
Barley planted.....	5	2	24	23
Potatoes planted.....	8	2	19	24
Dry edible peas planted.....	2	1	33	16
Onions planted.....	9	1	15	23

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

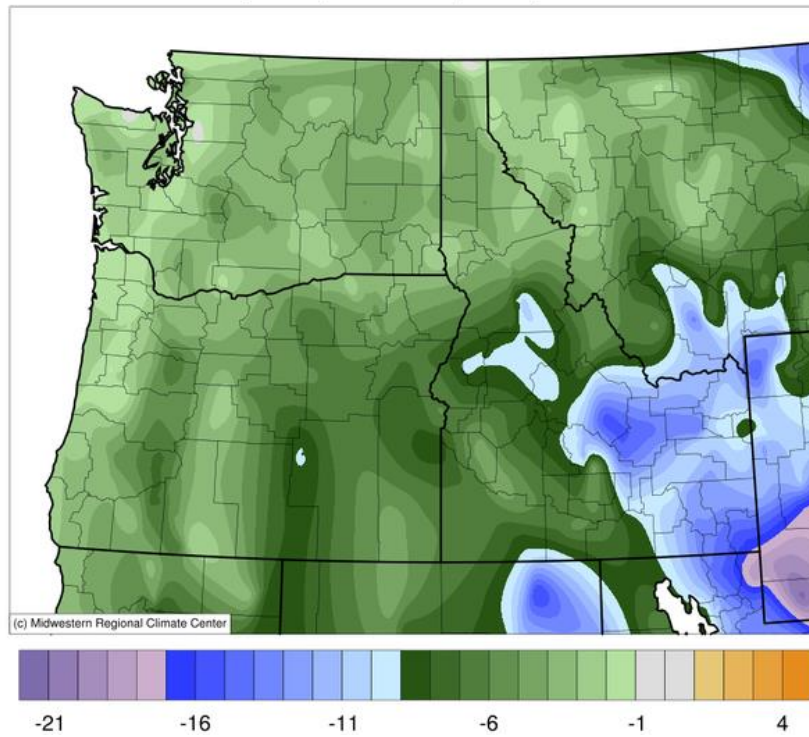
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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

April 03, 2023 to April 09, 2023



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