



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Idaho Continued to Plant Despite Cooler Temperatures

There were 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho, up from 2.4 days reported the previous week. Most of Idaho remained cooler than normal. After a slow start in south central Idaho, many small grain acres were planted last week. Acres planted to sugarbeets and onions also progressed quickly. Some alfalfa broke dormancy and showed signs of growth while other regions remained dormant. Oneida and Power Counties had their first full week of fieldwork with significant acres planted. Eastern Idaho still had a significant amount of snow on the ground. Some counties reported the spring thaw began. There were still a few feet of snow on the valley floors of Teton County. Fieldwork started in Bingham, Bannock, and Butte counties. Reservoirs remained near capacity with significant snowpack still in place. Overall, Idaho planting progress remained behind normal.

## Cold, Wet Spring Continued in Oregon

There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon, up from 3.9 days the previous week. In the northeast region, conditions were wet, with temperatures below average. Most crops were delayed in development, including winter wheat, potatoes, tree fruits, and most other crops. Winter canola was doing well. In the southeast, above average precipitation was reported with temperatures warming up. Planting of onions and sugarbeets moved forward quickly in Malheur County. The dry weather and warmer temperatures induced runoff, which in turn increased the inflow to reservoirs. Livestock producers wanted to move their cattle to their spring allotments. Ranchers still fed hay while waiting for grass to grow. In north central Oregon, blueberries bloomed later than last year.

## Slow Start to Spring in Washington

There were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington, up from 5.1 days last week. Central Washington had an active weather week. It rained and snowed for a few days, and temperatures were colder than usual. Grass was still not growing and was now about three weeks behind due to the late snow and cool temperatures. Cattlemen turned their cattle out on pasture, but grass growth remained minimal. Yakima County saw rain on Monday night. Nighttime temperatures dropped into the upper twenties for three consecutive nights. Apricots were in full bloom, while peach and cherry buds were enlarged and showed color. In northeast Washington, grass had not grown due to late snow and cool temperatures. In Douglas County, the snow was gone, and the fields were muddy. Snow mold damaged several thousand acres.

## Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/16/23

Item and State	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	-	6	64	30
Oregon.....	7	23	52	18
Washington.....	7	15	64	14
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	1	20	63	16
Oregon.....	4	21	62	13
Washington.....	9	26	60	5

- Represents zero.

## Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/16/23

Crop and State	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	5	14	47	31	3
Oregon.....	13	25	39	20	3
Washington.....	18	22	36	23	1
Winter wheat					
Idaho.....	1	13	61	25	-
Oregon.....	4	24	41	25	6
Washington.....	1	12	42	43	2

- Represents zero.

### Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 04/16/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	25	2	27	33
Barley planted.....	15	2	29	34
Oats planted.....	8	2	18	26
Potatoes planted.....	7	1	19	20
Sugarbeets planted.....	40	2	40	52
Field corn planted.....	-	(NA)	-	4
Dry edible beans planted.....	-	(NA)	3	(NA)
Dry edible peas planted.....	9	2	35	25
Onions planted.....	60	9	91	73

- Represents zero.  
(NA) Not available.

### Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 04/16/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	60	40	71	68
Spring wheat emerged.....	5	1	29	(NA)
Barley planted.....	20	7	33	53
Barley emerged.....	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats planted.....	16	7	29	51
Oats emerged.....	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes planted.....	40	20	37	46
Potatoes emerged.....	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Sugarbeets planted.....	56	4	90	76
Field corn planted.....	2	(NA)	4	14
Dry edible peas planted.....	23	15	54	68
Dry edible peas emerged.....	1	(NA)	7	(NA)
Onions planted.....	50	10	74	66
Onions emerged.....	3	(NA)	18	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

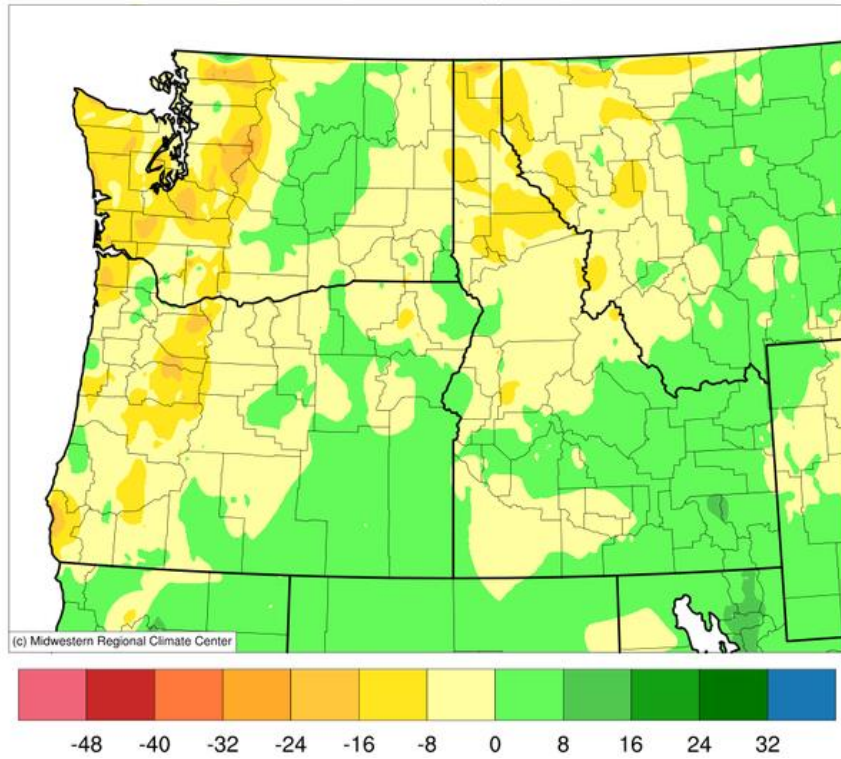
### Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 04/16/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	27	11	39	46
Spring wheat emerged.....	2	(NA)	14	12
Barley planted.....	15	5	30	37
Barley emerged.....	(NA)	(NA)	6	9
Potatoes planted.....	19	8	21	35
Field corn planted.....	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans planted.....	2	(NA)	-	(NA)
Dry edible peas planted.....	10	2	35	23
Onions planted.....	15	9	18	40

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

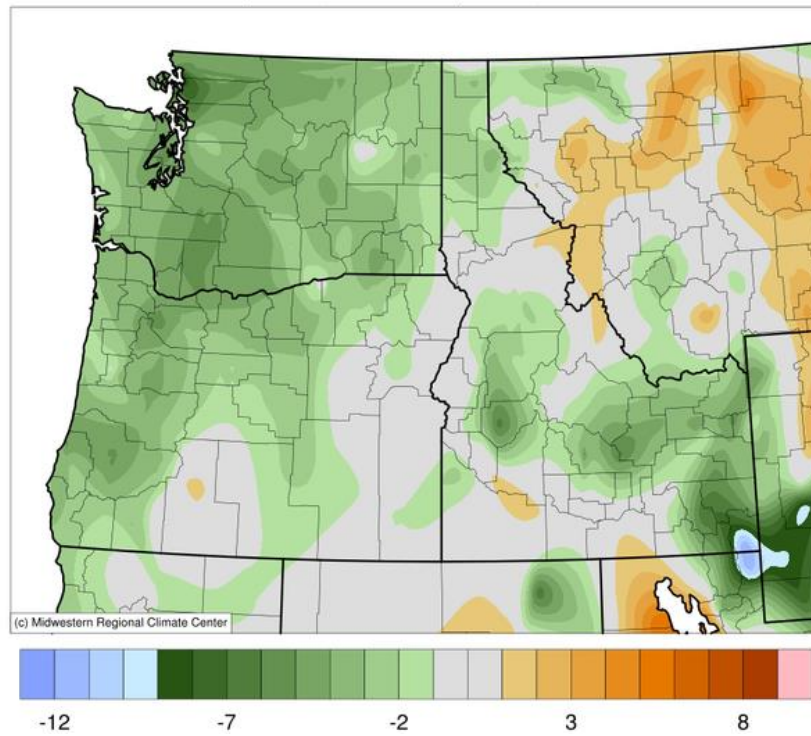
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