



Crop Progress and Condition



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Warm Temperatures Across Idaho

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho, up from 6.5 days the previous week. Temperatures were warmer than average throughout most of Idaho. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties experienced warm and dry conditions. Potato, dry bean, and corn silage harvest were underway last week. Some early sugarbeets were harvested; however, the main dig had yet to start. Alfalfa harvest varied across the counties.

Waiting for Rain in Oregon

There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon, unchanged from the previous week. Temperatures were mild to moderate, with no precipitation reported. Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties reported that pastures used only for hay were doing fine, while other pastures that had been grazed excessively were having trouble with poor root systems getting to moisture deep in the soil profile. Farmers held off on winter grain and grass seed planting due to needing a consistent rain cycle ahead. Horticultural crops were doing well. Clatsop and Tillamook Counties reported little to no precipitation, fields were being worked, and hay was baled. The corn silage harvest ramped up this past week. Hood River, Sherman, and Wasco Counties reported warm weather, which allowed producers to mow and spray. Umatilla County reported dry conditions with continued drought. A small amount of winter wheat had been planted early using the deep furrow technique, with fair to good stands achieved. Malheur County reported warm and dry conditions which were good for onion curing and fieldwork. Onion, potato, and corn harvests were in full swing.

Washington Harvest is in Full Swing

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington, unchanged from the previous week. Western Washington corn silage and seed potato harvest was in full swing. Final grass cuttings had taken place, and conditions were still dry. Central Washington had consistent hot and dry temperatures. In Yakima County, producers started to plant some fall grains despite the lack of moisture. Apple harvest continued with Gala, Honeycrisp, Granny Smith, and assorted Delicious varieties entering the packinghouse. Hop harvest continued. Pumpkin displays appeared at vegetable stands, and plenty of squash, tomatoes, sweet corn, and peppers were still available at farmer's markets. Northeast Washington harvest wrapped up, and field prep was underway. The ground was short on moisture for planting, and grazing was getting sparse with the lack of rain. In east central Washington, most winter wheat planted into summer fallow was complete, with the remaining acreage to be planted in the next month or when adequate rainfall is received. Southeast Washington experienced continued dry conditions.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/17/23

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	4	29	64	3
Oregon.....	39	35	26	-
Washington.....	51	32	17	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	2	36	61	1
Oregon.....	35	40	25	-
Washington.....	45	33	22	-

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/17/23

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	1	18	37	27	17
Oregon.....	12	30	35	19	4
Washington.....	29	36	20	15	-
Potatoes					
Idaho.....	1	4	23	68	4
Oregon.....	-	-	28	53	19
Washington.....	-	-	54	30	16
Corn					
Idaho.....	-	-	5	90	5
Oregon.....	1	1	24	61	13
Washington.....	-	3	45	40	12
Dry edible beans					
Idaho.....	-	16	44	36	4
Washington.....	-	15	41	35	9
Onions					
Idaho.....	-	-	1	90	9
Oregon.....	-	6	18	64	12
Washington.....	-	-	41	59	-
Sugarbeets					
Idaho.....	-	-	6	88	6
Oregon.....	-	-	20	70	10

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 09/17/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	87	76	92	95
Winter wheat planted	13	10	16	21
Winter wheat emerged.....	1	-	1	1
Barley harvested.....	88	83	92	96
Oats harvested	88	77	86	90
Potatoes harvested.....	18	11	16	21
Sugarbeets harvested.....	3	1	4	9
Field corn harvested for silage	29	16	9	22
Dry edible beans harvested	77	27	33	52
Onions harvested	15	10	23	46
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	92	87	90	88
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	30	18	26	39

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 09/17/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	12	7	13	12
Winter wheat emerged.....	2	(NA)	2	1
Potatoes harvested.....	43	38	51	54
Field corn harvested for grain	9	3	-	3
Field corn harvested for silage	28	8	12	23
Onions harvested	39	22	35	42
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	97	94	92	(NA)

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

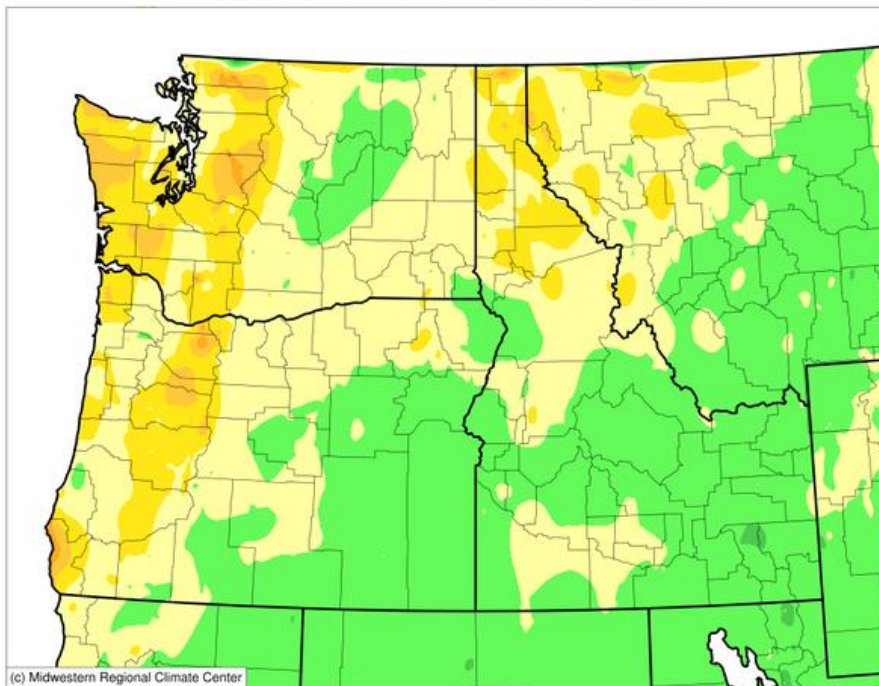
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 09/17/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	41	29	42	46
Winter wheat emerged.....	6	4	4	8
Potatoes harvested.....	43	35	42	42
Field corn harvested for grain	4	(NA)	1	5
Field corn harvested for silage	29	8	26	32
Dry edible beans harvested	59	30	56	64
Dry edible peas harvested	95	85	89	89
Onions harvested	45	32	44	57
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	91	86	83	89
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	54	36	13	36

(NA) Not available.

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

October 01, 2022 to September 17, 2023

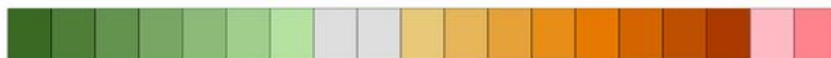
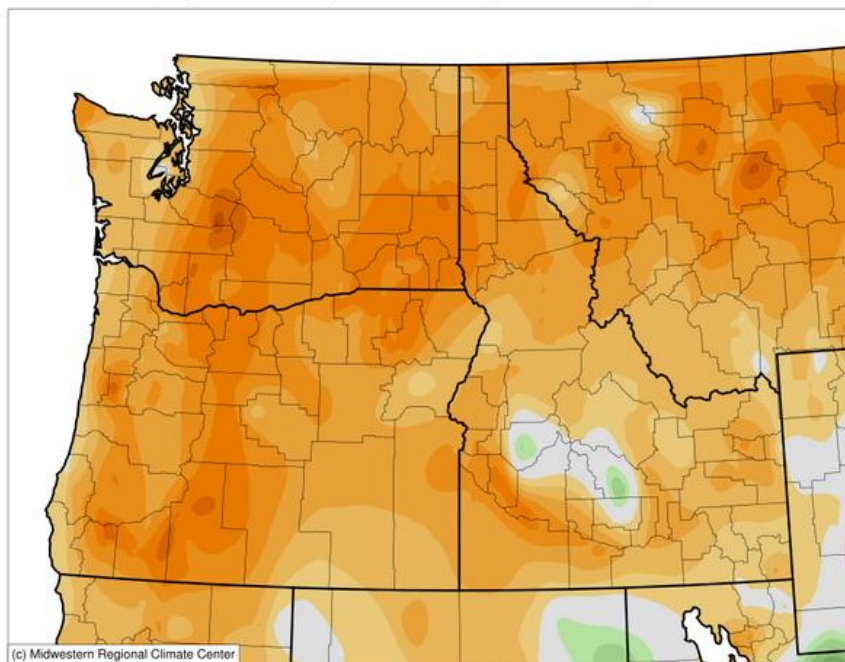


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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

September 11, 2023 to September 17, 2023



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