



Crop Progress and Condition



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Idaho Producers Busy With Silage Harvest

There were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho, down from 5.6 days reported the previous week. Western and central Idaho were cooler for the week with slightly warmer than normal temperatures in eastern Idaho. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties experienced rain late in the week which halted field activity and created potential damage to alfalfa hay and beans in the windrow. The main sugarbeet dig was expected to begin once fields dried out enough for access. Silage crews were observed harvesting nearly around the clock. Many acres of beans still needed to be cut and windrowed. The fifth cutting of alfalfa hay began to be harvested over the week. Irrigation water was anticipated to only be available for the next few weeks.

Winter Wheat Dusted Into Dry Fields in Oregon

There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon, down from 6.1 days reported the previous week. Temperatures were cooler last week with rain in parts of the State. In Polk County, rain was reported but not enough to improve the soil profile. In Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties, rainfall helped newly seeded grass seed, winter grain, and hay fields. Horticultural crops were winding down. Clatsop and Tillamook Counties reported rain with corn harvested as fast as possible to get it out of the rain. In Gilliam, Hood River, and Wasco Counties, farmers were still waiting to plant winter wheat. Due to dry pasture conditions, farmers bought extra feed for livestock. Umatilla County observed wheat planting in many fields. However, the warm winds were drying up the seed zone water and farmers were dusting in winter wheat.

Growers Harvested Around Wet Conditions in Washington

There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington, down from 6.6 days reported the previous week. In western Washington, drought conditions escalated to a D3 status for King and Pierce Counties. Shellfish farmers had to cancel going out on the bay several days in a row because the tide would not drop due to wind and rain. Grain and corn silage harvest concluded in several counties. Cover crops and new seedlings were planted. Central Washington received a soaking rain. Producers tried to complete fall planting. Cattle were still coming down from the mountains and grazing on residue with supplemental feed. In Yakima County, apple harvest continued with about half of the apple crop completed. Grape harvest started in Yakima Valley, but growers held off for better size and fruit sweetness. Winter squash and sweet corn were still being harvested. Tomato and pepper fields were being harvested, but crop maturity slowed down considerably over the past week. Northeast Washington had five days of rainfall. Ranchers prepared to bring cattle back

from summer pastures to put on hay because pasture was mostly in poor condition. Fall plantings were well underway. East central Washington farmers were seeding or reseeding winter wheat compromised by the rain or dry conditions. Precipitation from last week was enough to maintain soil moisture conditions. Winter wheat seeding was nearly complete. Southeast Washington saw cooler temperatures and scattered rainfall.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/01/23

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	2	21	71	6
Oregon.....	30	44	24	2
Washington.....	54	29	17	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	1	37	60	2
Oregon.....	34	41	24	1
Washington.....	49	29	22	-

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/01/23

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	-	20	41	27	12
Oregon.....	20	34	33	13	-
Washington.....	43	33	16	8	-
Potatoes					
Idaho.....	-	2	19	76	3
Corn					
Idaho.....	-	-	5	90	5
Oregon.....	1	2	25	59	13
Washington.....	-	3	43	42	12
Onions					
Idaho.....	-	-	1	90	9
Sugarbeets					
Idaho.....	-	-	4	88	8
Oregon.....	-	-	20	70	10

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 10/01/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	99	93	100	99
Winter wheat planted	35	18	47	52
Winter wheat emerged.....	8	3	9	17
Barley harvested.....	98	94	99	100
Oats harvested	98	91	96	(NA)
Potatoes harvested.....	45	24	43	50
Sugarbeets harvested.....	9	6	28	26
Field corn harvested for grain	15	5	-	9
Field corn harvested for silage	63	50	43	60
Dry edible beans harvested	90	86	81	81
Onions harvested	25	20	49	74
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	50	34	45	56

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 10/01/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	23	15	31	30
Winter wheat emerged.....	6	4	8	9
Potatoes harvested.....	59	52	65	68
Sugarbeets harvested.....	2	-	11	15
Field corn harvested for grain	32	25	11	17
Field corn harvested for silage	57	38	44	52
Onions harvested	57	50	59	61

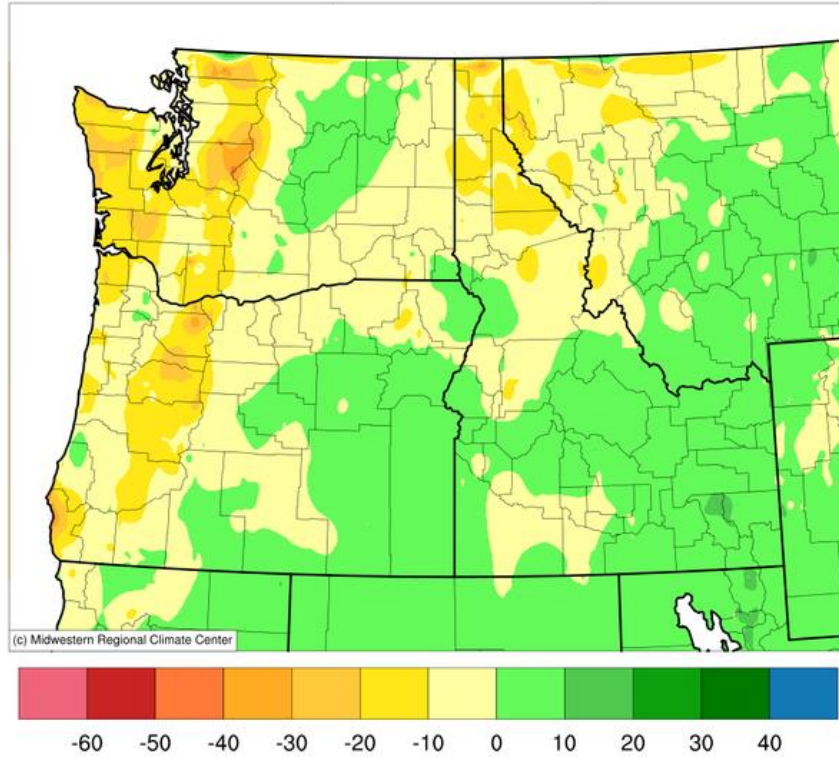
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Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 10/01/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	65	52	65	68
Winter wheat emerged.....	37	22	33	33
Potatoes harvested.....	63	51	54	57
Field corn harvested for grain	34	17	17	22
Field corn harvested for silage	54	36	54	57
Dry edible beans harvested	91	80	94	90
Onions harvested	69	56	65	72
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	76	69	49	60

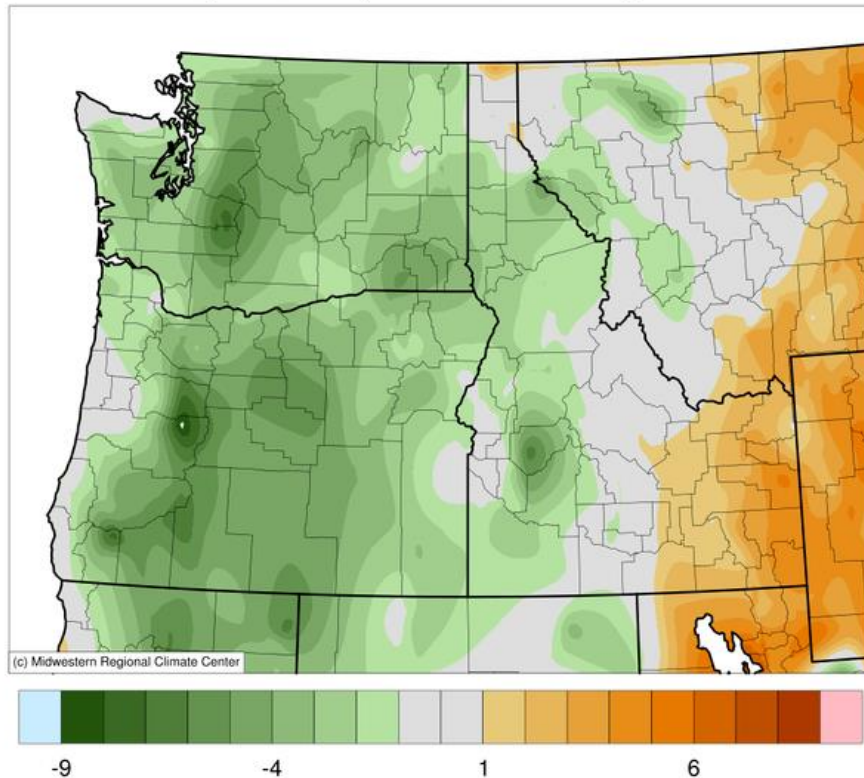
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

October 01, 2022 to October 01, 2023



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

September 25, 2023 to October 01, 2023





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