



Crop Progress and Condition



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Cold Temperatures Persisted in Idaho

There were 2.7 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho. Idaho experienced cold temperatures accompanied by above average precipitation and winds for the week. Northern Idaho reported fresh snow on Friday and Saturday, with freezing temperatures at night. Elmore and Owyhee Counties reported difficulties getting field work done due to the cold temperatures, rain, and wind. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties reported pastures and alfalfa fields were greening up nicely. Major farm activities included field preparation, hauling manure, fertilizing alfalfa and pastures, and planting. Vole damage was reported in alfalfa fields. Clark, Custer, and Lemhi Counties received much needed moisture. Fremont, Madison, and Teton Counties reported snow was still on the ground. Bannock, Bingham, and Butte Counties reported it was still too wet to plant and too windy for herbicide applications; however, they had good soil moisture to begin the crop year.

Spring Fieldwork Continued in Oregon

There were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork, down from 4.8 days suitable from the previous week in Oregon. Temperatures ranged from below average to above average. Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties reported continued progress for all crops. The cool and somewhat wet weather led to cooler soils, which slowed growth but not in most agronomic crops. Crop protection, timely fertilizing, and invasive weed mitigation were top priorities. Clatsop and Tillamook Counties reported that field activities were primarily limited to raking the previous weeks' haying into haylage and applying manure water via big gun sprinkler and dragline splash guards. Hood River, Sherman, Gilliam, Wasco, and Wheeler County producers continued attempting to complete spring fieldwork. An onslaught of snow and rain toward the end of the week gave way to colder temperatures. Any frost damage was minimal as it immediately warmed up. Malheur County reported that onion, sugarbeet, and potato plantings were in full swing. Great progress was made before a series of strong thunderstorms passed through mid-week. Fieldwork largely ceased Wednesday evening through the rest of the week. Winter wheat establishment and progression was strong. Rangeland grass thrived on warm spring days that were intermittently coupled with precipitation. Volunteer onions were found in 2023 fields, providing a potential green bridge for thrips to the 2024 onion crop. Wet weather combined with strong snowpack runoff required large releases from reservoirs, resulting in potential flooding in low-lying areas. Lake County received some precipitation during the week. Pasture conditions were improving.

Wet Week in Eastern Washington

There were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington, down from 5.8 days last week. Western Washington saw a little precipitation. Crops were coming along a bit ahead of schedule. Pasture conditions were normal for this time of year, but there were few animals out because of the wet ground. Central Washington saw some precipitation that dropped temperatures overnight. Cows were put into pastures for grazing, but most grass was still short. Spring wheat seeding started in the eastern part of Klickitat County. In Yakima County, asparagus harvest began. Pear and plum orchards were entering full bloom in the Yakima Valley. Apricots were in post bloom, and peach flower blooms were quite spotty. Sweet cherry bloom also appeared. Some apple varieties in warmer areas of the county started to bloom. Hop vines were emerging from their hills and seeking trellis twine to start growing. Irrigation canals began to flow, but there were reports that junior water rights holders would not get their full allotment of water this summer. Northeast Washington saw rain delays that halted work during the middle of last week. Calving was going well. East central Washington had rain delays that stopped spring work during the middle of last week. Southeast Washington saw a good amount of precipitation, and the winter wheat looked great.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/07/24

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	-	-	76	24
Oregon.....	4	23	54	19
Washington.....	-	8	88	4
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	-	4	76	20
Oregon.....	4	16	63	17
Washington.....	2	8	87	3

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/07/24

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	8	14	28	48	2
Oregon.....	5	6	30	48	11
Washington.....	-	1	56	42	1
Winter wheat					
Idaho.....	-	7	30	62	1
Oregon.....	2	4	21	64	9
Washington.....	3	7	46	40	4

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 04/07/24

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	25	8	1	14
Barley planted.....	20	7	1	15
Oats planted.....	10	3	1	9
Potatoes planted.....	6	2	1	6
Sugarbeets planted.....	12	3	2	21
Dry edible peas planted.....	16	9	1	15
Onions planted.....	45	16	7	45

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 04/07/24

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	59	50	37	42
Spring wheat emerged.....	15	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Barley planted.....	52	42	6	25
Barley emerged.....	8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Oats planted.....	40	21	6	25
Oats emerged.....	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes planted.....	29	24	18	25
Sugarbeets planted.....	75	60	3	44
Field corn planted.....	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas planted.....	60	44	13	40
Dry edible peas emerged.....	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Onions planted.....	60	42	7	45
Onions emerged.....	16	9	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

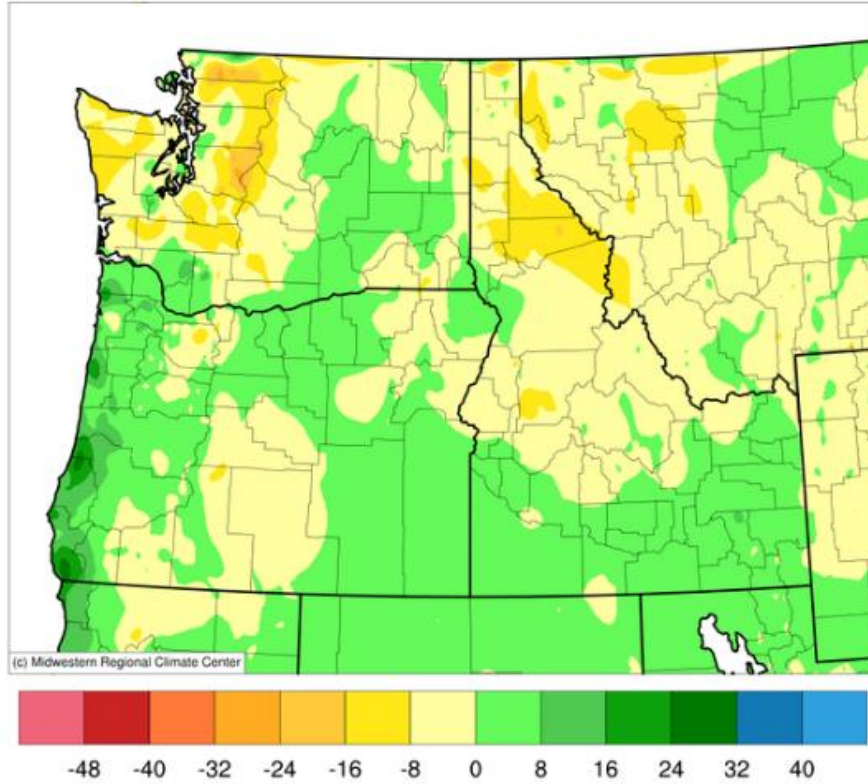
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 04/07/24

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	21	10	10	25
Barley planted.....	10	4	4	20
Potatoes planted.....	11	6	6	18
Field corn planted.....	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas planted.....	1	(NA)	2	12
Onions planted.....	11	8	7	15

(NA) Not available.

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

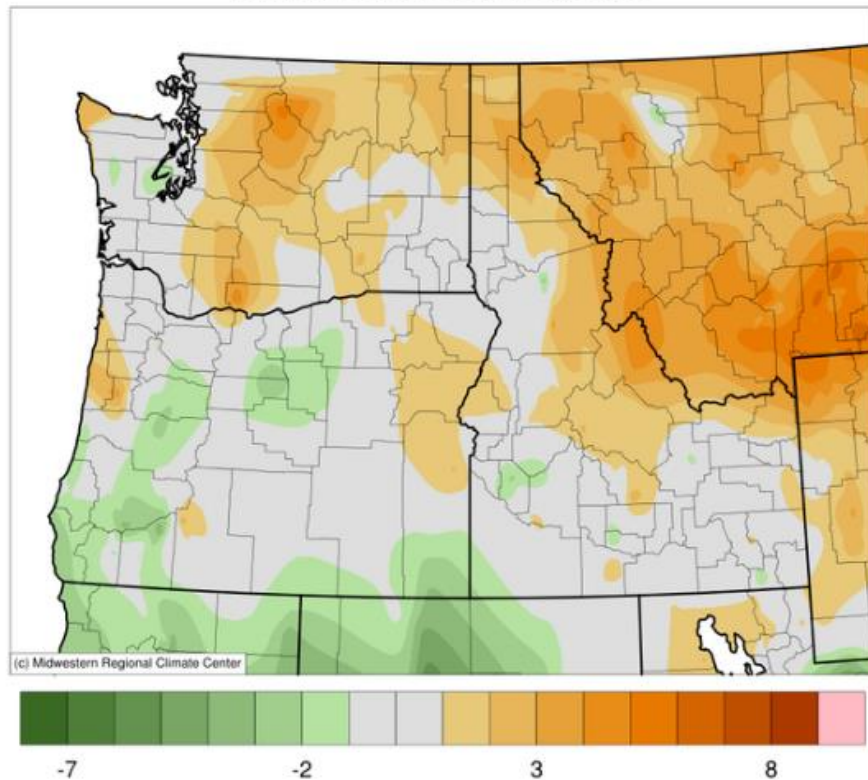
October 01, 2023 to April 07, 2024



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

April 01, 2024 to April 07, 2024



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