



Crop Progress and Condition



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Idaho Rain Slowed Crop Progress

There were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho, a decrease from 6.7 days the previous week. Temperatures were below average to warmer than average throughout Idaho. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties received rain during the week, which slowed cereal grain harvest. Dry bean and corn silage harvests were expected to begin soon. Eastern Idaho reported thunderstorms during the week. Clark, Fremont, and Jefferson Counties reported some issues with barley sprouting due to the recent rain. In some areas, alfalfa hay was barely getting a second cutting due to the late first cutting.

Scattered Showers and Warm Weather in Oregon

There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon, down from 7.0 days the previous week. Temperatures were moderate, with wet conditions in the southeast region and mild to dry conditions across the rest of the State. Oregon's northwest region had temperatures ranging from moderate to high, which was good for crops that thrive in heat. Polk County reported a lightning and thunderstorm with only brief rain. Tillamook and Clatsop Counties reported mild morning precipitation. Smoke lingered in the region from the fires in the gorge. The corn crop was growing and developing well. Irrigation continued in forage fields. Benton and Lincoln Counties reported that a drought emergency was declared at the beginning of the month. Forage was in short supply, and river levels were very low, which caused water to be cut off for producers with junior water rights. Heavy rainfall in Union County stopped field activities. Rainfall amounts were variable around the county, but record setting in some areas. Malheur County reported heavy rainfall that postponed fieldwork. Some flooding occurred, along with a break in the Old Owyhee Canal. Onion, potato, and mint harvests continued, with corn silage harvest about to begin. Lake County reported good irrigation and livestock water conditions.

Still Hot and Dry in Washington

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington, up from 6.4 days reported the previous week. Western Washington continued to see dry conditions. Grains were almost ready for harvest in San Juan County. Central Washington remained dry but saw temperatures drop. In Klickitat County, spring wheat harvest was almost halfway complete, and fall calving had started. Pasture was very weak. In Yakima County, there were scattered showers on Friday. Tree fruit harvest was picking up with peaches, plums, early maturing apples, and Bartlett pears. Vegetable harvest was picking up with sweet corn, squashes, melons, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and cucumbers. A few isolated hopyards had been harvested. Northeast Washington continued to see dry conditions. In east central Washington, winter wheat seeding was in full swing. Southeast Washington saw more dry weather.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/27/23

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	7	33	57	3
Oregon.....	42	28	29	1
Washington.....	52	36	12	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	1	36	61	2
Oregon.....	28	43	28	1
Washington.....	47	31	22	-

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/27/23

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	1	18	40	25	16
Oregon.....	3	22	55	15	5
Washington.....	24	37	26	13	-
Spring wheat					
Idaho.....	1	11	41	45	2
Barley					
Idaho.....	1	7	31	60	1
Oats					
Idaho.....	-	-	8	91	1
Potatoes					
Idaho.....	1	3	23	68	5
Oregon.....	-	-	29	55	16
Washington.....	-	1	63	24	12
Corn					
Idaho.....	-	-	7	90	3
Oregon.....	-	1	22	67	10
Washington.....	-	5	43	38	14
Dry edible beans					
Idaho.....	-	16	42	39	3
Washington.....	-	15	40	38	7
Onions					
Idaho.....	-	-	1	89	10
Oregon.....	-	5	25	60	10
Washington.....	-	-	40	60	-
Sugarbeets					
Idaho.....	-	-	7	86	7
Oregon.....	-	-	19	73	8

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 08/27/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	44	27	47	62
Winter wheat harvested	83	70	64	87
Barley harvested.....	47	27	53	72
Oats harvested	43	26	42	69
Potatoes harvested.....	3	2	5	6
Field corn harvested for silage	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans harvested	12	6	1	13
Dry edible peas harvested	93	78	54	75
Onions harvested	-	-	9	14
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	53	42	42	60
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	7	3	(NA)	(NA)

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 08/27/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	97	94	78	83
Barley harvested.....	98	94	77	82
Oats harvested	80	72	75	76
Potatoes harvested.....	29	18	35	36
Onions harvested	13	11	14	17
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	74	62	68	71

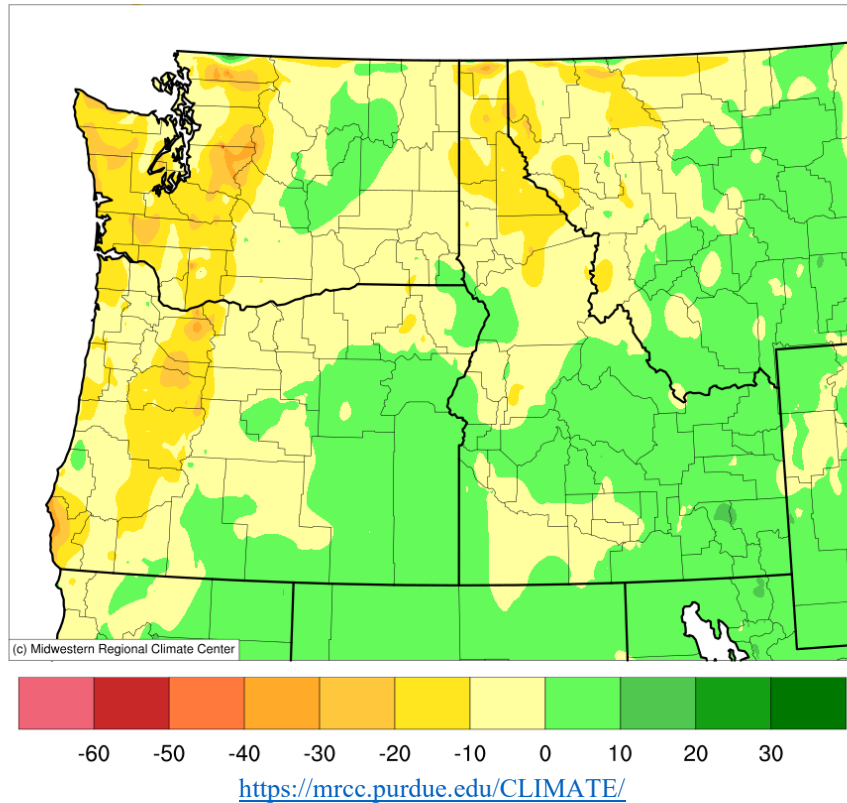
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 08/27/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	78	53	58	66
Winter wheat planted	7	2	7	9
Winter wheat harvested	94	87	83	89
Barley harvested.....	79	56	57	68
Potatoes harvested.....	22	16	21	27
Dry edible beans harvested	5	2	5	21
Dry edible peas harvested	60	51	60	71
Onions harvested	18	14	19	33
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	78	55	36	67
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	25	16	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

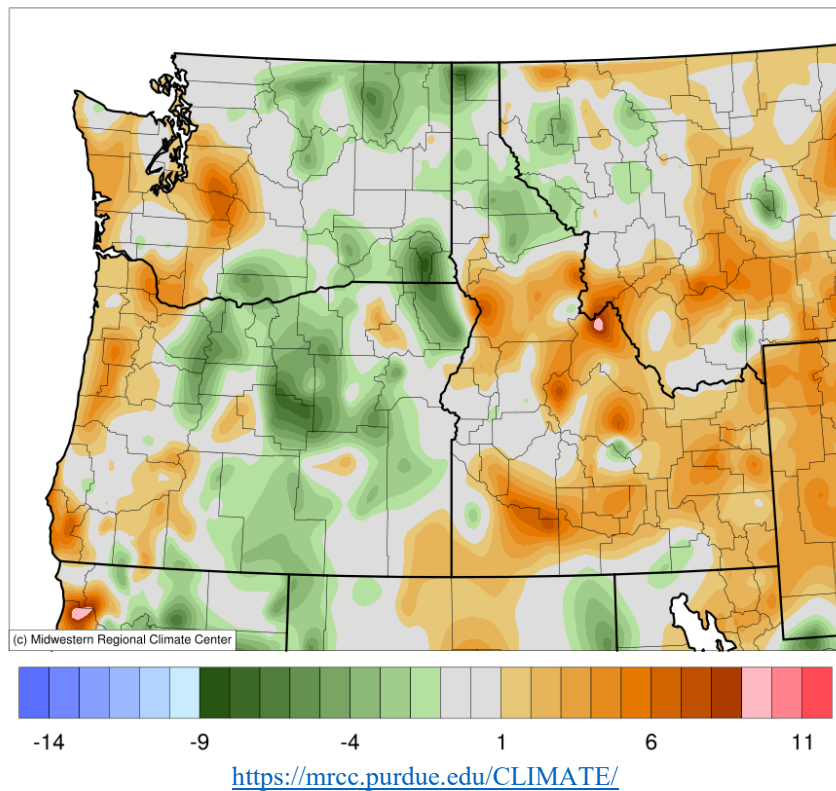
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

October 01, 2022 to August 27, 2023



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

August 21, 2023 to August 27, 2023



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