



Crop Progress and Condition



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Chilly & Windy in Idaho

There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho, up from 4.5 days the prior week. Idaho experienced windy conditions with nightly subfreezing temperatures. Elmore and Owyhee Counties stated the strong winds prevented fieldwork from occurring. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties reported that spring planting continued, with ranges and pastures improving from earlier moisture and warmer weather. Significant vole damage was also reported in alfalfa fields. Fremont, Madison, and Teton Counties reported melting snow in the fields, which delayed planting due to the wet conditions. Grass and pastures were greening up, which helped livestock.

Oregon Days Warmed Up After Cool Mornings

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork, up from 5.8 days suitable the previous week in Oregon. Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties reported slightly cooler yet favorable weather conditions, lending to good soil moisture. Polk County reported consistent weather conditions. Clatsop and Tillamook Counties reported having cooler mornings with warm afternoons, which allowed for good working conditions. Growers mowed and raked hay fields in preparation for baling. Herbicides were applied. Many operations still needed to prepare fields for corn planting. Malheur County also reported cooler temperatures coupled with morning frost. However, fieldwork conditions were favorable as temperatures warmed up during the day. Onions emerged while sugarbeets and corn were being planted. Irrigation began for wheat and alfalfa as soil moisture began to dry. Calves were mostly branded and were being turned out to pastures.

Strong Winds in Washington

There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington, up from 6.7 days the previous week. Some areas of western Washington experienced dry conditions. Central Washington experienced high winds that dried out the topsoil and caused grasses to start heading out. In Yakima County, there was no precipitation over the past week. The upper Yakima Valley had sweet cherries in post bloom and apples reaching full bloom. In the lower Valley, most apple varieties were in full bloom and early petal fall. Soft fruit orchards were all in post bloom. Orchard mowing and weed control took place over the past couple of weeks. Vegetable growers were tilling fields while more black plastic and irrigation were laid down. Asparagus harvest continued. Irrigation tubing was laid down in hopyards intended for early harvest this season. Pend Oreille and Spokane Counties saw freezing temperatures at night. Fieldwork was underway, but it seemed slow this spring. Pasture was slowly growing.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/21/24

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	-	2	83	15
Oregon.....	3	19	62	16
Washington.....	-	19	79	2
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	-	9	78	13
Oregon.....	2	12	70	16
Washington.....	2	19	77	2

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/21/24

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	-	7	24	60	9
Oregon.....	3	5	25	57	10
Washington.....	1	1	42	52	4
Winter wheat					
Idaho.....	-	5	27	62	6
Oregon.....	1	2	32	62	3
Washington.....	7	11	34	45	3
Onions					
Oregon.....	2	3	48	47	-
Sugarbeets					
Oregon.....	-	-	50	50	-

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 04/21/24

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	55	39	26	42
Spring wheat emerged.....	10	5	1	6
Barley planted.....	53	36	25	41
Barley emerged.....	8	4	1	9
Oats planted.....	38	19	12	31
Oats emerged.....	5	(NA)	1	7
Potatoes planted.....	23	9	13	24
Sugarbeets planted.....	39	16	49	63
Field corn planted.....	10	1	1	8
Dry edible beans planted.....	16	2	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas planted.....	45	26	11	32
Dry edible peas emerged.....	5	(NA)	1	(NA)
Onions planted.....	91	69	74	89
Onions emerged.....	28	19	7	19

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 04/21/24

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	89	68	62	74
Spring wheat emerged.....	28	19	11	35
Barley planted.....	78	63	26	57
Barley emerged.....	21	12	2	24
Oats planted.....	74	49	22	56
Oats emerged.....	19	8	2	24
Potatoes planted.....	68	51	49	58
Potatoes emerged.....	14	6	8	(NA)
Sugarbeets planted.....	95	90	80	83
Sugarbeets emerged.....	30	20	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn planted.....	20	3	7	22
Dry edible peas planted.....	71	64	55	(NA)
Dry edible peas emerged.....	28	8	11	25
Onions planted.....	88	70	65	74
Onions emerged.....	31	24	9	30

(NA) Not available.

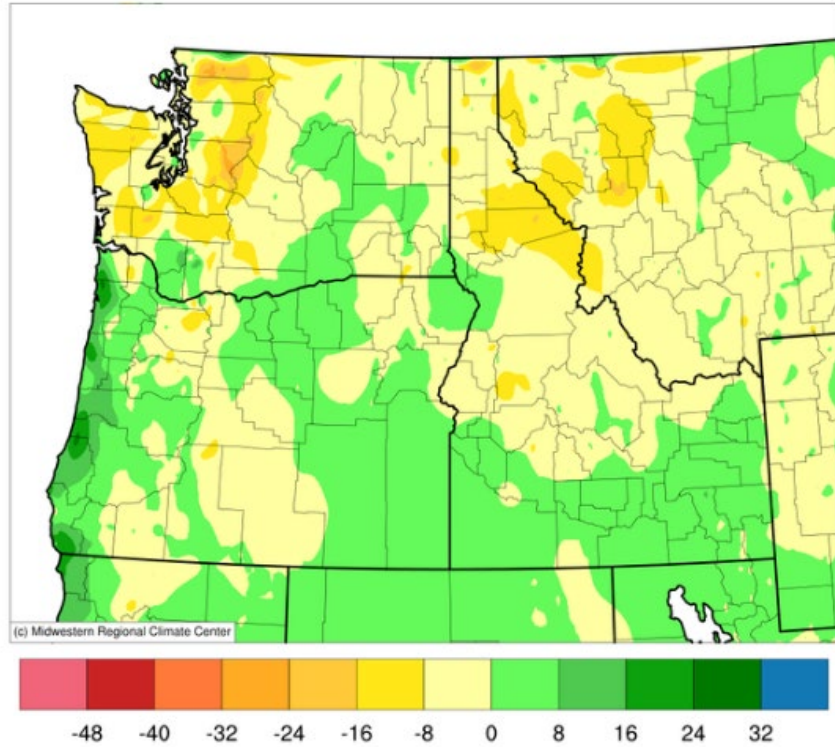
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 04/21/24

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted.....	60	42	42	57
Spring wheat emerged.....	18	9	8	22
Barley planted.....	52	28	24	48
Barley emerged.....	4	1	3	16
Potatoes planted.....	66	41	41	41
Potatoes emerged.....	2	(NA)	8	(NA)
Field corn planted.....	14	4	12	12
Dry edible beans planted.....	32	10	10	(NA)
Dry edible peas planted.....	22	13	12	33
Dry edible peas emerged.....	1	(NA)	1	(NA)
Onions planted.....	71	47	47	48
Onions emerged.....	8	(NA)	4	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

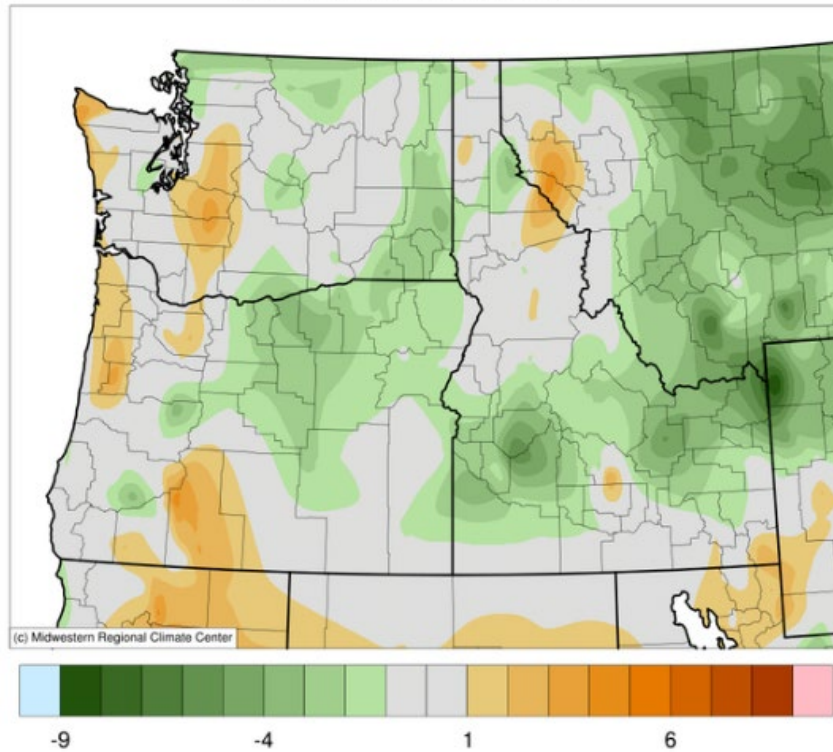
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

October 01, 2023 to April 21, 2024



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

April 15, 2024 to April 21, 2024



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