



Crop Progress and Condition



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Hot Weather Remained in Idaho

There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho, up from 6.8 days the previous week. Most of Idaho experienced dry conditions with hotter than average temperatures for this time of year. Southwest Idaho reported crop damage from a waterspout, with above ground vegetation sheared off at ground level for some crops. Early harvest salvage operations were in progress on multiple potato fields. Fremont, Teton, and Madison Counties reported dry and hot weather, with irrigated crops and pastures doing well. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties reported very warm and dry conditions with spring grain harvest underway. Winter grain harvest was also well underway. The third cutting of hay progressed rapidly with some excellent drying conditions. Corn appeared to be more than halfway tasseled. Sugarbeets and potatoes looked good, with several fields of potatoes showing vines dying. A few acres of early potatoes were harvested. Some bean fields dropped blossoms due to the heat. Low and mid-elevation ranges cured and had plenty of fuel for ongoing fires.

Supplemental Rain Received with Warm Temperatures in Oregon

There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon, up from 6.9 days the previous week. Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties reported that soil conditions continued to dry. Hot daily temperatures sped up vegetable and small fruit crop maturity, making harvest and marketing challenging. General crop and nursery quality remained positive. Polk County reported a small amount of welcomed precipitation. Clatsop and Tillamook Counties reported multiple days of precipitation coupled with moderately warm conditions. There was solid corn growth, which was generally halfway through the tassel stage. Routine field activities included mowing, manure applications, raking, and baling grass hay. Irrigation activities also continued to take place. Clackamas County experienced ongoing excessive heat as non-irrigated crops struggled. Baker and Grant Counties continued to battle heavy smoke from surrounding wildfires as dry and hot conditions persisted. This made drying hay difficult. Occasional thunderstorms provided limited precipitation as crop growth was slowed. Wheat harvest continued in Umatilla County. Rangeland was negatively impacted by the ongoing large wildfires. Malheur County experienced persistent hot and dry conditions with intermittent thunderstorms as wheat harvest began to wind down. Onion and potato fields showed signs of maturity. Wildfires in the area showed signs of containment. Lake County welcomed relatively significant rainfall, with some areas experiencing flooding and landslides. This caught some farm operations with second cuttings of alfalfa hay down in the field.

Hot Weather in Washington

There were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington, down from 7.0 the previous week. Western Washington received some rainfall but remained mostly hot and dry last week. In northwest Washington, the rain hindered grain farmers with lodged crops as well as hay and grass seed harvest. The first cutting of hay was mostly completed, and the second cutting had started. Central Washington was in the fifth week of a D2 drought. Wheat harvest was almost complete in a few areas. Yields looked normal. Pastureland was short and dry. In Yakima County, air quality was variable because of the fires in the area. Late maturing sweet cherry varieties were harvested over the past week. Apple thinning activities wrapped up. Apples, peaches, and prunes developed full color and were sizing up. Pear growers cleaned up orchards and moved harvest bins into the orchard in anticipation of harvest in the next couple of weeks. Hop bines reached the top of the trellis and filled in, with cones forming in some of the earlier maturing hops. Grape clusters were beginning to size up. Blueberry operations prepared for harvest. Vegetable stands were at full capacity with peppers, tomatoes, sweet corn, zucchini, and melons harvested. Northeast Washington received more hot and dry weather suitable for harvesting. East central Washington saw more high temperatures last week. Southeast Washington experienced a large fire that took out crops, pastureland, and a couple of homes and buildings.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/04/24

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	15	41	43	1
Oregon.....	22	54	23	1
Washington.....	34	44	22	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	7	45	47	1
Oregon.....	23	42	35	-
Washington.....	26	47	27	-

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/04/24

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	6	14	30	31	19
Oregon	31	17	21	23	8
Washington.....	4	65	18	13	-
Winter wheat					
Idaho	-	5	15	71	9
Washington.....	7	11	32	44	6
Spring wheat					
Idaho	-	5	26	65	4
Oregon	4	10	37	37	12
Washington.....	8	10	65	16	1
Barley					
Idaho	-	2	15	77	6
Oregon	4	11	31	33	21
Washington.....	5	8	68	18	1
Oats					
Idaho	-	2	32	63	3
Oregon	4	8	32	37	19
Potatoes					
Idaho	2	3	18	68	9
Oregon	4	4	32	37	23
Washington.....	-	5	19	66	10
Corn					
Idaho	-	1	10	74	15
Oregon	2	7	30	32	29
Washington.....	-	3	27	67	3
Dry edible beans					
Idaho	-	3	18	79	-
Washington.....	3	11	23	62	1
Onions					
Idaho	-	-	8	80	12
Oregon	3	9	34	32	22
Washington.....	-	4	11	85	-
Sugarbeets					
Idaho	-	-	11	84	5
Oregon	-	-	40	40	20
Dry edible peas					
Idaho	-	12	65	23	-
Oregon	4	4	25	38	29
Washington.....	2	7	30	61	-

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 08/04/24

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	2	-	4	9
Winter wheat harvested	26	14	28	29
Barley harvested	1	-	4	11
Oats harvested	1	-	4	12
Potatoes harvested	1	-	-	(NA)
Dry edible peas harvested	15	6	28	17
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting.....	80	73	83	82
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	26	16	10	17

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 08/04/24

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	39	24	61	36
Winter wheat harvested	75	55	85	68
Barley harvested	31	17	53	36
Oats harvested	26	9	29	29
Potatoes harvested	4	2	8	12
Dry edible peas harvested	71	42	76	73
Onions harvested.....	7	1	2	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting.....	95	92	93	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	39	24	29	27

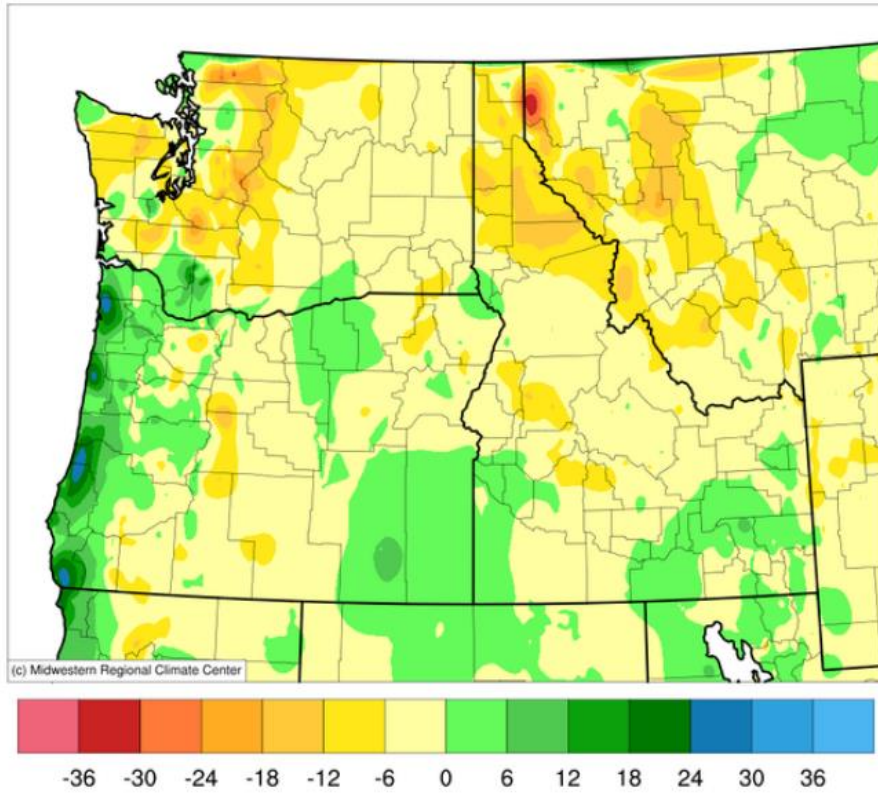
(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 08/04/24

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	21	5	17	18
Winter wheat harvested	47	32	51	45
Barley harvested	26	5	18	20
Potatoes harvested	13	7	6	10
Dry edible peas harvested	29	17	17	38
Onions harvested.....	7	5	3	4
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting.....	92	79	89	91
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	26	15	28	26

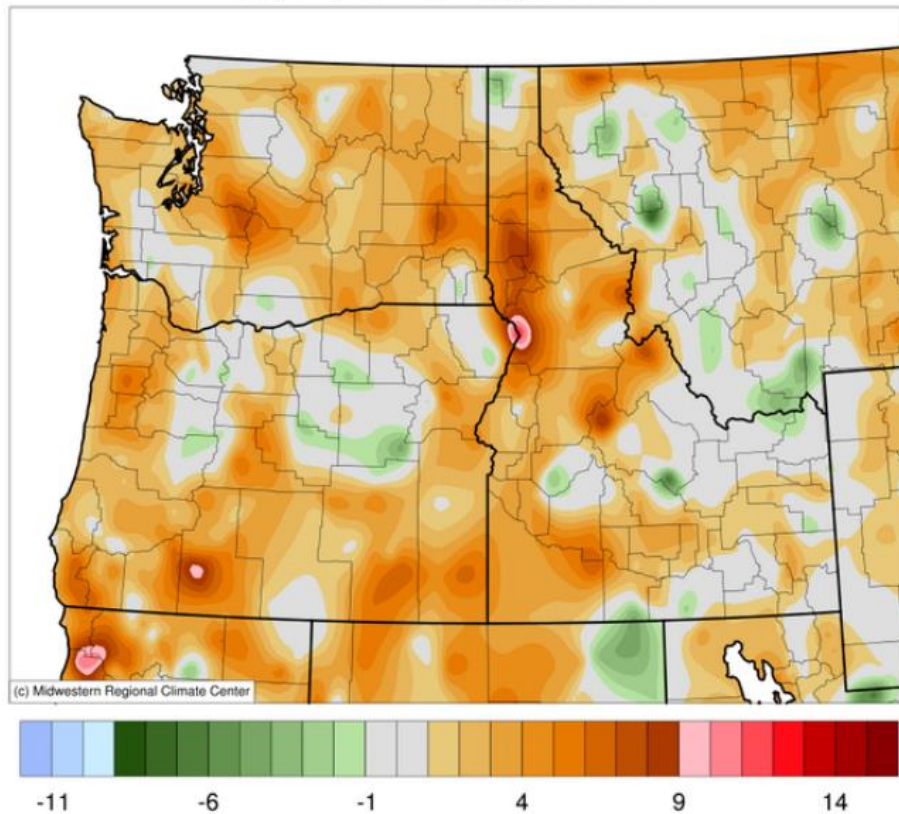
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

October 01, 2023 to August 04, 2024



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

July 29, 2024 to August 04, 2024



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