



Crop Progress and Condition



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Idaho Remained Warm with Areas of Heavy Rains

There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho, an increase from 6.0 days the previous week. Temperatures were warmer than average throughout Idaho. Southern Idaho received isolated thunderstorms that produced heavy precipitation in some areas. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties experienced warm, dry weather for the week. More acres of potatoes were vine killed and rolled. Some dry bean fields began to turn color. Eastern Idaho reported heavy rains at the end of the week. Bannock, Bingham, and Butte Counties received moisture from two weather events over the past week. Potato yields looked promising across the area.

Hot, Dry, and Hazy in Oregon

There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon, unchanged from the previous week. Temperatures were moderate with mild to dry conditions. The northwest region of Oregon reported that irrigation had been essential for maintaining horticulture crops. Heat put stress on berry crops. Corn was in the tassel stage and growing well in western Oregon. Morrow County suffered from a lack of rainfall with hot and dry conditions. There was an on-going haze over the region generated by regional wildfires. In Baker County, parts of the region received rainstorms. The rain slowed wheat and hay harvests. In Malheur County, mint and hay harvest continued, early onion harvest began, and potato harvest ramped up.

Hot and Dry Weather in Washington

There were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington, down from 6.6 days reported the previous week. Western Washington saw drought conditions spread. Producers reported “dustbowl-like” conditions, with farmers avoiding working in fields due to the dust. Some wells began drying out in Whatcom County. Central Washington experienced more hot and dry weather. In Yakima County, temperatures started high in the triple digits but gradually dropped to the 80s by the weekend. A few wildfires were reported, air quality dropped to unhealthy over the weekend, and visibility was compromised. Tree fruit harvest picked up with peaches, nectarines, early maturing apples, and Bartlett pears. Vegetable harvest included summer and winter squashes, melons, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, and cucumbers. Northeast Washington saw continued dry conditions. Bluegrass did not fare well this year. Wheat producers reported an average crop. Livestock grazing looked okay, but producers began requesting drought assistance from FSA. In east central Washington, producers stopped harvesting and switched to seeding. Southeast Washington also saw hot and dry weather.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/20/23

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	10	37	53	-
Oregon.....	45	27	27	1
Washington.....	54	37	9	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	4	38	57	1
Oregon.....	33	40	26	1
Washington.....	46	34	20	-

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/20/23

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	-	17	38	25	20
Oregon.....	5	18	58	15	4
Washington.....	19	35	33	13	-
Spring wheat					
Idaho.....	-	13	35	50	2
Washington.....	4	33	38	23	2
Barley					
Idaho.....	1	8	25	64	2
Washington.....	1	14	49	36	-
Oats					
Idaho.....	-	-	9	90	1
Potatoes					
Idaho.....	-	1	23	71	5
Oregon.....	-	-	28	55	17
Washington.....	-	2	64	22	12
Corn					
Idaho.....	-	-	6	90	4
Oregon.....	1	2	23	63	11
Washington.....	1	6	41	39	13
Dry edible beans					
Idaho.....	-	16	42	39	3
Washington.....	-	15	43	35	7
Onions					
Idaho.....	-	-	1	89	10
Oregon.....	-	5	25	60	10
Washington.....	-	-	43	57	-
Sugarbeets					
Idaho.....	-	-	11	82	7
Oregon.....	-	-	20	70	10
Dry edible peas					
Washington.....	-	20	48	32	-

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 08/20/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	27	6	25	44
Winter wheat harvested	70	49	43	73
Barley harvested.....	27	6	37	55
Oats harvested	26	6	23	53
Potatoes harvested.....	2	1	2	4
Dry edible beans harvested	6	(NA)	-	4
Dry edible peas harvested	78	49	45	47
Onions harvested	-	-	4	8
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting	95	92	92	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	42	30	22	46
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

- Represents zero.
(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 08/20/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	94	90	63	70
Winter wheat harvested	100	94	89	94
Barley harvested.....	94	86	62	69
Oats harvested	72	64	60	64
Potatoes harvested.....	18	14	26	31
Onions harvested	11	7	10	12
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	62	48	56	59

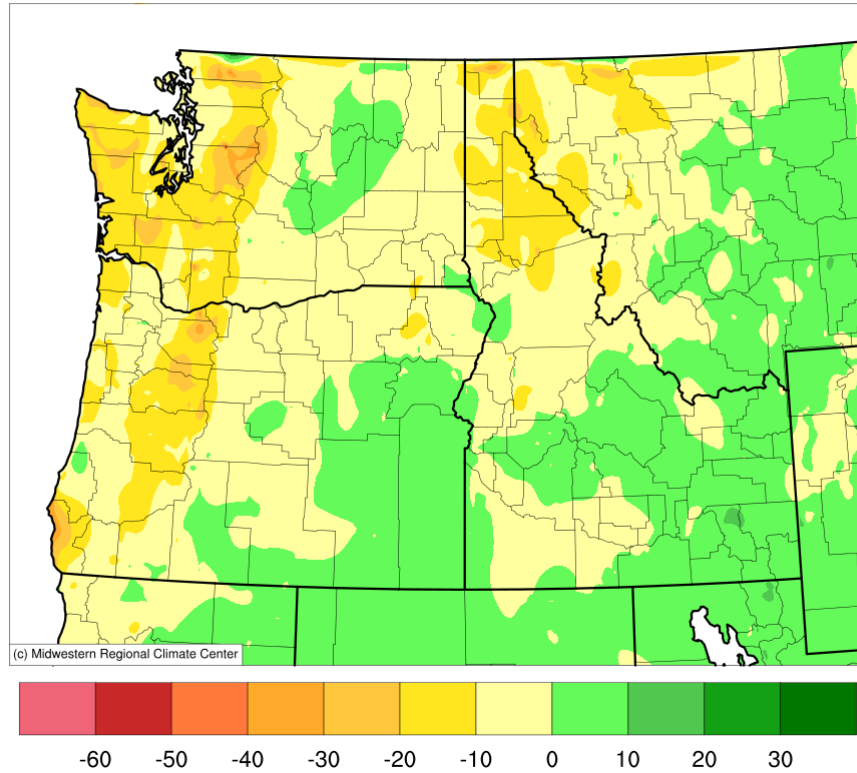
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 08/20/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	53	30	36	48
Winter wheat planted	2	(NA)	5	3
Winter wheat harvested	87	70	69	80
Barley harvested.....	56	35	40	55
Potatoes harvested.....	16	9	11	22
Dry edible beans harvested	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas harvested	51	28	44	65
Onions harvested	14	6	9	25
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	55	41	19	57
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	16	-	(NA)	(NA)

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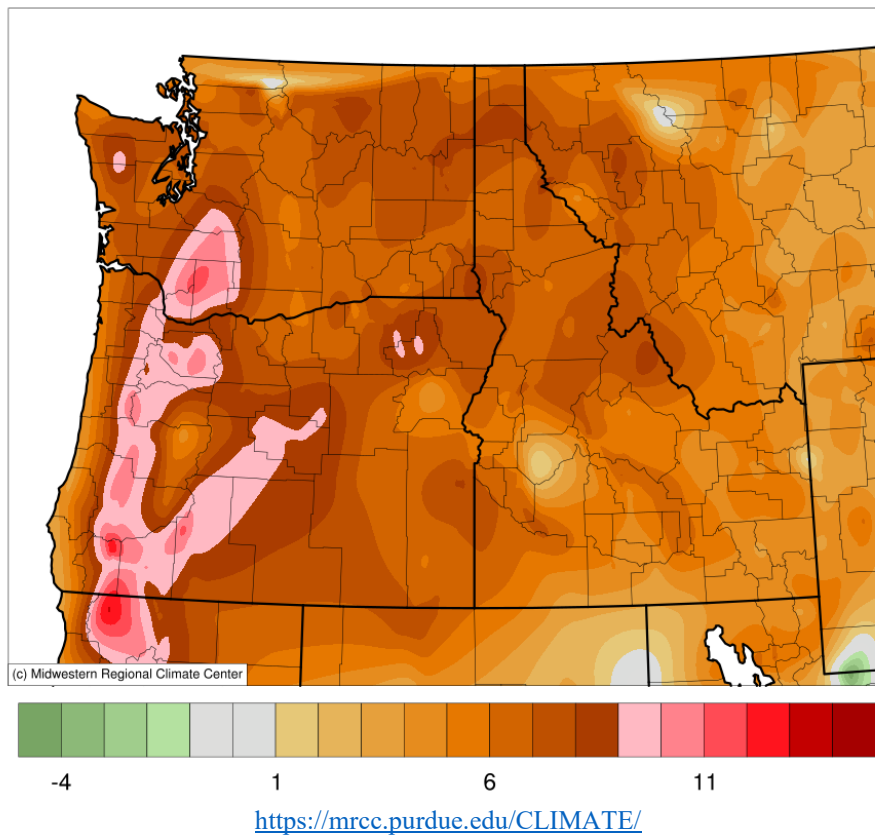
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

October 01, 2022 to August 20, 2023



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

August 14, 2023 to August 20, 2023



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