



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Cooler Temperatures Across Idaho

There were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho, down from 6.9 days reported the previous week. Temperatures were cooler than average throughout most of Idaho. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties experienced rain over the week, which halted potato, sugarbeet, and bean harvest. Corn silage continued to be harvested. Elmore and Owyhee Counties noted corn ears had filled less than usual, and the stunted corn development was likely due to cool spring temperatures.

## Some Rain, Cooler Temperatures in Oregon

There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon, down from 7.0 days reported the previous week. Temperatures were cooler than normal this week, and some rain was reported in parts of the state. Polk County was still dry, with cool temperatures at night and heat in the afternoon. In Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, it was also cooler with not much precipitation. The rains were in the morning hours. Fields were hayed, and harvest of corn and forage was in full swing. In Gilliam, Hood River, Wasco, and Wheeler Counties, there was some rain. Some farmers started to plant while others were waiting for more rain. In Umatilla County, light rain fell in the area. In Malheur County, harvest continued for onions, corn, dry beans, and potatoes. Some growers started early fall hay cutting, and fall fieldwork continued with good weather conditions for operations. Ranchers were gathering cattle and weaning calves.

## Overcast Conditions in Washington

There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington, down from 6.9 reported the previous week. Western Washington conditions remained dry. Livestock producers were already using stored winter feed. Feed corn was short this year in some western Washington counties, and some fields dried up earlier than normal. Central Washington had dry conditions, but the mornings were cooler. Tractors were in the field preparing seedbeds and seeding winter grains. Cattle were on crop residue and being supplemented as there was no pasture left. In Yakima County, nighttime lows dipped into the upper 30s. Apple harvest continued with operations focusing on Honeycrisp, Granny Smith, and mid-season varieties. Apple bins were going out in the Red Delicious and Fuji apple orchards. Hop harvest continued. Vegetable stands were filled with plenty of melons, peppers, tomatoes, sweet corn, and squash. Field crews pulled up drip irrigation and black plastic from spent fields. Harvest was well wrapped up in northeast Washington, and fall planting began. Ranchers started to haul cows back to the ranch and put them on feed as pasture condition was dwindling. Southeast Washington experienced scattered showers.

**Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/24/23**

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	2	27	66	5
Oregon.....	34	40	25	1
Washington.....	53	29	18	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	2	38	60	-
Oregon.....	36	42	22	-
Washington.....	49	28	23	-

- Represents zero.

**Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/24/23**

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	1	20	40	26	13
Oregon.....	18	32	31	18	1
Washington.....	38	35	17	10	-
Potatoes					
Idaho.....	1	3	20	72	4
Oregon.....	-	-	28	53	19
Washington.....	-	-	58	26	16
Corn					
Idaho.....	-	-	4	91	5
Oregon.....	1	1	23	62	13
Washington.....	-	3	48	39	10
Onions					
Idaho.....	-	-	1	90	9
Oregon.....	-	6	18	64	12
Sugarbeets					
Idaho.....	-	-	4	89	7
Oregon.....	-	-	20	70	10

- Represents zero.

**Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 09/24/23**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested .....	93	87	96	98
Winter wheat planted .....	18	13	32	37
Winter wheat emerged.....	3	1	4	7
Barley harvested.....	94	88	95	99
Oats harvested .....	91	88	91	94
Potatoes harvested.....	24	18	26	34
Sugarbeets harvested.....	6	3	22	19
Field corn harvested for grain .....	5	-	-	3
Field corn harvested for silage .....	50	29	29	41
Dry edible beans harvested .....	86	77	60	70
Onions harvested .....	20	15	38	60
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting .....	95	92	94	93
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting .....	34	30	38	48

- Represents zero.

**Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 09/24/23**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted .....	15	12	18	18
Winter wheat emerged.....	4	2	3	3
Potatoes harvested.....	52	43	59	61
Sugarbeets harvested.....	-	-	-	4
Field corn harvested for grain .....	25	9	2	10
Field corn harvested for silage .....	38	28	25	38
Onions harvested .....	50	39	48	52

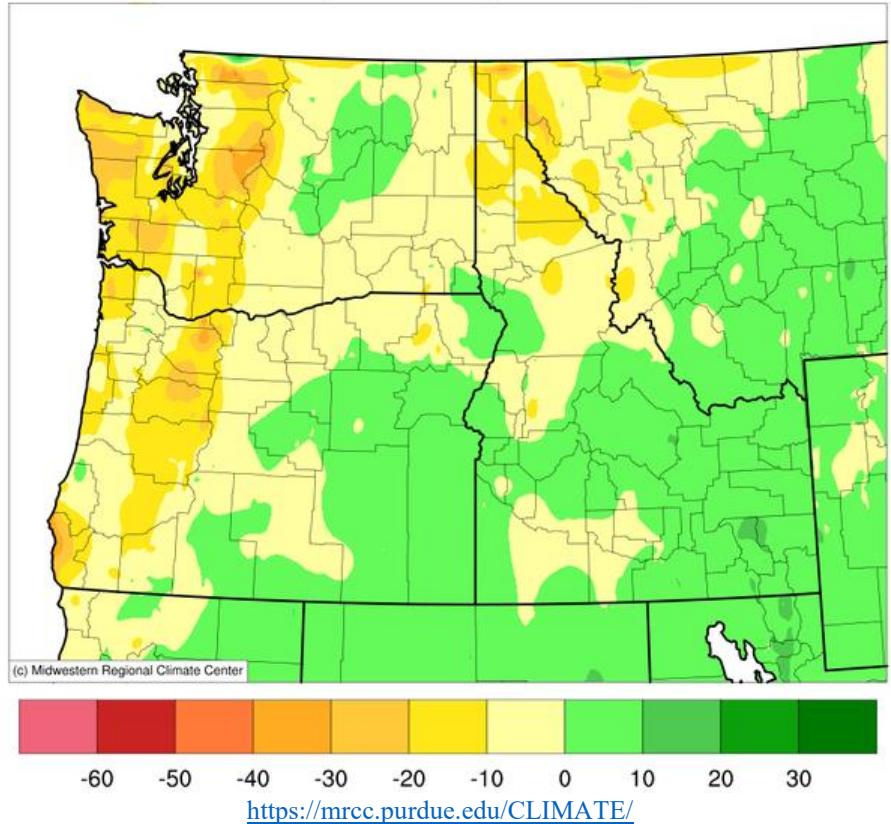
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**Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 09/24/23**

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted .....	52	41	55	58
Winter wheat emerged.....	22	6	23	21
Potatoes harvested.....	51	43	50	50
Field corn harvested for grain .....	17	4	7	13
Field corn harvested for silage .....	36	29	40	44
Dry edible beans harvested .....	80	59	86	81
Onions harvested .....	56	45	54	64
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting .....	95	91	94	94
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting .....	69	54	36	49

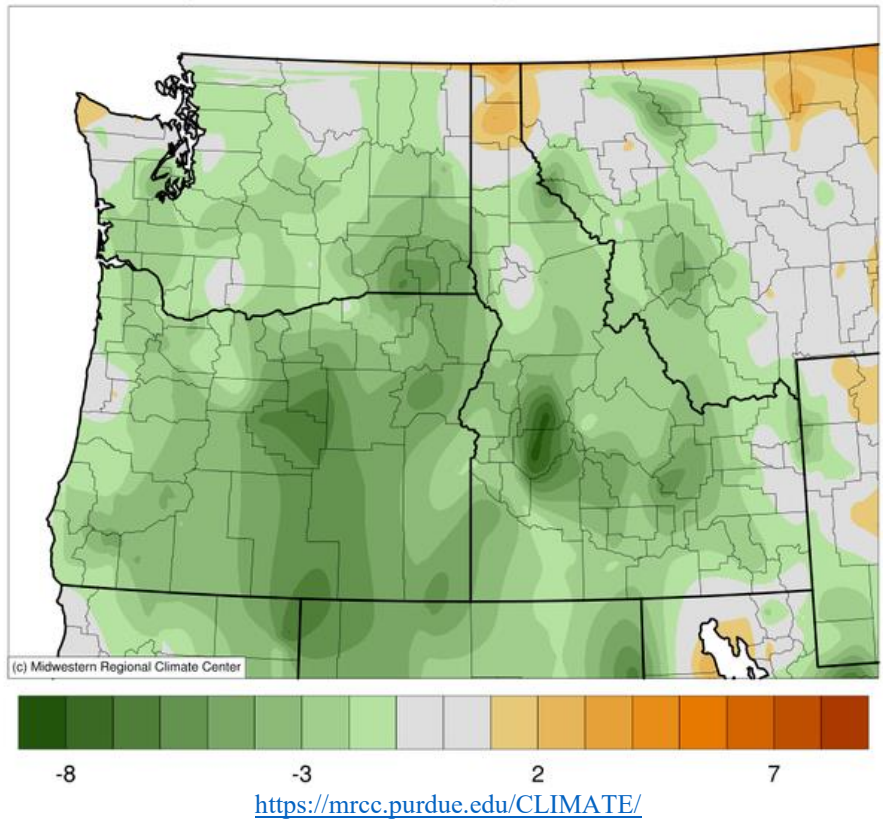
**Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals**

October 01, 2022 to September 24, 2023



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

September 18, 2023 to September 24, 2023





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