



Crop Progress and Condition



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Rain Slowed Fieldwork Across Much of Idaho

There were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho, equal to the 5.4 days reported the previous week. Central Idaho had average temperatures for the week, while northern Idaho saw slightly warmer temperatures. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties experienced rain early in the week, which slowed field activity. The fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was noted to have substantial rain damage. The main sugarbeet harvest was underway despite challenging conditions. The first corn combines were sighted over the week. Potato harvest continued after fields dried out. Fremont, Madison, and Teton Counties experienced some frost and heavy rains on Tuesday.

Corn Harvest in Full Swing for Oregon

There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork, up from 5.9 days reported the previous week. Temperatures were warmer, with rain sparsely reported throughout the State. In Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties, agronomic crops emerged with strong growth, while horticulture crops were winding down. Clatsop and Tillamook Counties reported warmer weather at the end of the week. Farmers were busy harvesting corn before expected rainfall. In Gilliam, Hood River, and Wasco Counties, farmers planted winter wheat. Pastures were not being used, so livestock were fed hay. Umatilla County observed winter wheat planting, with volunteer wheat and winter annual weeds germinating in recently harvested wheat stubble. The seedbed soil temperatures remained warmer than usual due to warmer night temperatures. In Malheur County, dry conditions prevailed, creating good harvest conditions. Onions, sugarbeets, and corn were being harvested. Winter wheat was being planted. In Lake County, producers started to move cattle to fall and winter pastures.

Great Week for Farming in Washington

There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington, up from 6.1 days reported the previous week. Western Washington producers scrambled to harvest as much as possible before rain hit their fields. Central Washington had a great week of farming. Fall planting was wrapping up, and some pasture had greened up enough for cows to graze. In Yakima County, apple harvest continued with field crews turning their attention to Fuji, Red Delicious, and Granny Smith varieties. Hop harvest was nearly complete. A significant portion of field corn was harvested over the week. More vegetable fields were turned over and laid to rest for the season. Peak pepper harvest arrived with green, yellow, orange, red, and even purple peppers available at farmers' markets. Northeast Washington had a warm weekend for planting. Farmers were active in the fields with fall planting activities, and some pasture grass was making a comeback with the moisture.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/08/23

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	3	20	72	5
Oregon	23	46	29	2
Washington	50	31	19	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	2	38	58	2
Oregon	32	45	22	1
Washington	46	30	24	-

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/08/23

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho	1	19	43	23	14
Oregon	19	30	36	15	-
Washington	46	30	15	9	-
Corn					
Idaho	-	-	6	90	4
Oregon	1	4	22	60	13
Washington	-	1	42	43	14
Onions					
Idaho	-	-	1	90	9
Sugarbeets					
Idaho	-	-	5	90	5
Oregon	-	-	19	73	8

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 10/08/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	70	35	69	71
Winter wheat emerged.....	20	8	21	32
Potatoes harvested	74	45	67	72
Sugarbeets harvested.....	18	9	32	34
Field corn harvested for grain.....	18	15	3	15
Field corn harvested for silage	85	63	63	79
Dry edible beans harvested.....	93	90	87	88
Onions harvested	69	25	67	83
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	55	50	61	68

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 10/08/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	41	23	45	45
Winter wheat emerged.....	14	6	12	14
Potatoes harvested	70	59	75	78
Sugarbeets harvested.....	31	2	17	30
Field corn harvested for grain.....	51	32	21	26
Field corn harvested for silage	68	57	58	65
Onions harvested	70	57	69	73

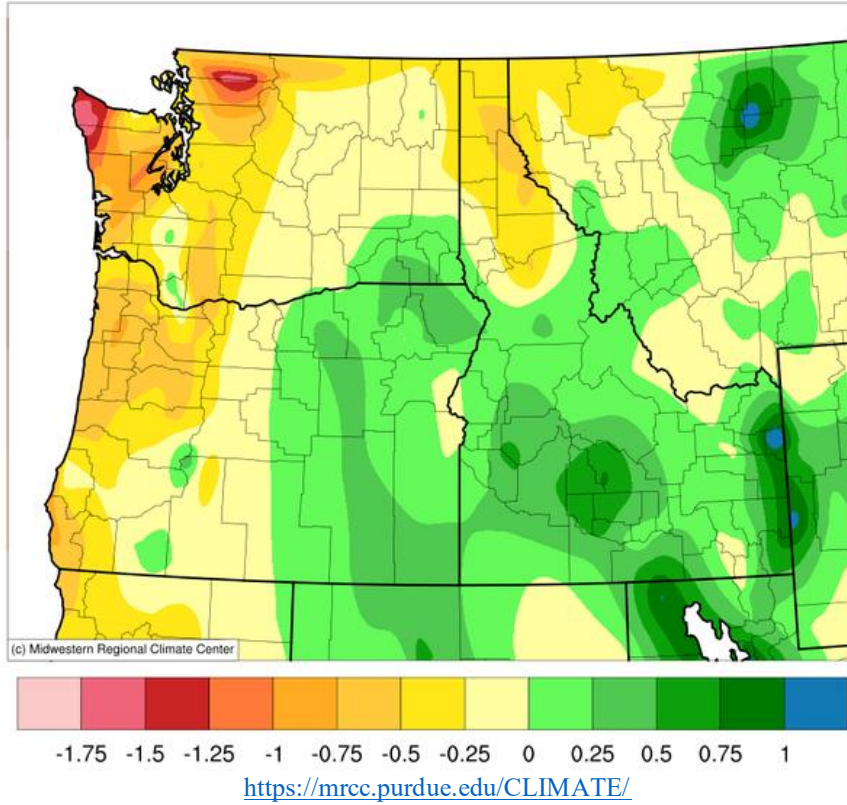
Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 10/08/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	77	65	78	78
Winter wheat emerged.....	49	37	44	44
Potatoes harvested	69	63	64	65
Field corn harvested for grain.....	39	34	31	32
Field corn harvested for silage	61	54	69	69
Dry edible beans harvested.....	95	91	(NA)	(NA)
Onions harvested	83	69	78	85
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	81	76	62	69

(NA) Not available.

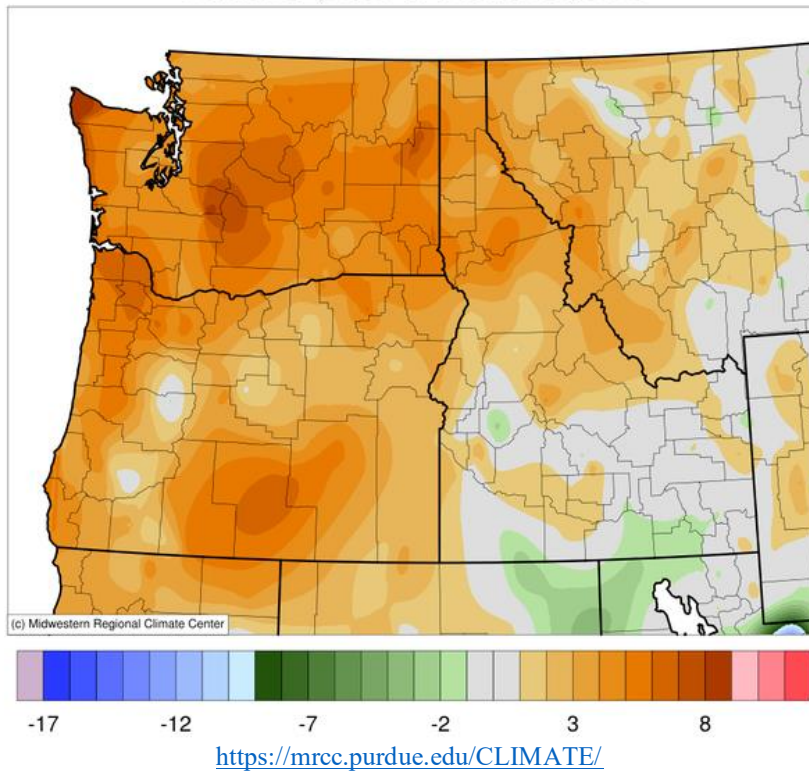
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

October 01, 2023 to October 08, 2023



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

October 02, 2023 to October 08, 2023





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