



Crop Progress and Condition



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Winter Temperatures Across Idaho

There were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho, down from 6.7 days reported the previous week. Idaho had below average temperatures. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties experienced rain that slowed field activities. Rain fell on hay that was still in the windrow. Sugarbeet harvest wrapped up. The weather turned cooler, and the first frosts were recorded. Pastures appeared to be done, although recent rains helped winter ranges. Fall field work and manure hauling continued. Fremont and Madison Counties had freezing temperatures, and all crop practices wrapped up for the season.

Freezing Nights in Oregon

There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork, down from 6.1 days reported the previous week. Temperatures were cold, with nighttime freezing temperatures reported throughout the State. In Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties, temperatures dropped into the freezing range at night. Agronomic crops were doing very well. There were good field conditions for weed work and fertilizing. Clatsop and Tillamook Counties reported scattered showers with nighttime temperatures that reached freezing. Corn had been harvested. Field activities consisted of winter forage planting, pasture planting, and maintenance. Gilliam, Hood River, Wasco, and Wheeler Counties reported cold and possibly freezing temperatures during the week. In Malheur County, sugarbeets and corn were harvested. Cows were coming in off the range. Lake County also reported below freezing temperatures.

Wintery Weather in Washington

There were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington, down from 6.4 days reported the previous week. Western Washington reported fall planted crops looked strong due to the increased rain. Spring planted crops finished harvest. Shellfish producers moved out of their planting season and into their harvesting season. Central Washington saw the seasons change and cold temperatures set in. Cattle remained on pasture. In Yakima County, snow was observed at higher altitudes. Low temperatures ended all lingering vegetable harvest of peppers, tomatoes, and winter squashes. Irrigation tape and black plastic was removed from former vegetable fields, and many fields were plowed under. Apple harvest continued with field crews focused on late maturing varieties. Most of the apple crop had been harvested, but ground covers were used to increase fruit color for late varieties, and bins were moved into orchards where harvest was anticipated. Nearly all corn had been harvested except for those fields used for Halloween mazes. There were a few fields of alfalfa that received one more cutting to end the season. Northeast Washington saw snow and cold temperatures, so field work halted. Wheat looked to be doing well, along with fall planted canola. Parts of east central Washington saw snow, which limited producers who chose to re-seed their winter wheat crop. Southeast Washington's crops looked great. The area had its first hard freeze spanning several days, ending most fall work.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/29/23

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	5	19	72	4
Oregon.....	16	42	39	3
Washington.....	38	35	26	1
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	2	39	58	1
Oregon.....	31	41	26	2
Washington.....	41	27	31	1

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/29/23

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	-	20	39	27	14
Oregon.....	26	24	34	16	-
Washington.....	30	39	16	15	-
Winter wheat					
Idaho.....	1	8	26	64	1
Oregon.....	1	27	38	30	4
Washington.....	1	11	32	53	3
Corn					
Idaho.....	-	-	12	88	-

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 10/29/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat emerged.....	79	55	72	75
Sugarbeets harvested.....	73	45	81	77
Field corn harvested for grain	35	25	33	50
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	75	68	86	82

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 10/29/23

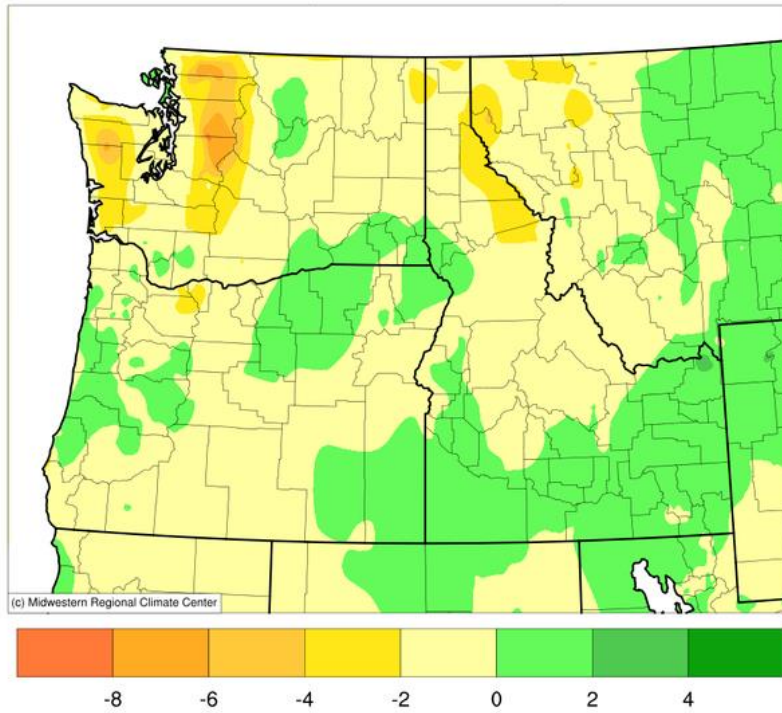
Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	81	70	93	88
Winter wheat emerged.....	47	32	50	44
Potatoes harvested.....	95	89	94	95
Sugarbeets harvested.....	61	47	84	74
Field corn harvested for grain	85	72	65	63
Field corn harvested for silage.....	97	91	90	90

Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 10/29/23

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat emerged.....	74	68	76	72
Potatoes harvested.....	95	88	97	93
Field corn harvested for grain	69	56	68	67
Field corn harvested for silage.....	93	89	94	93
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	93	90	89	87

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

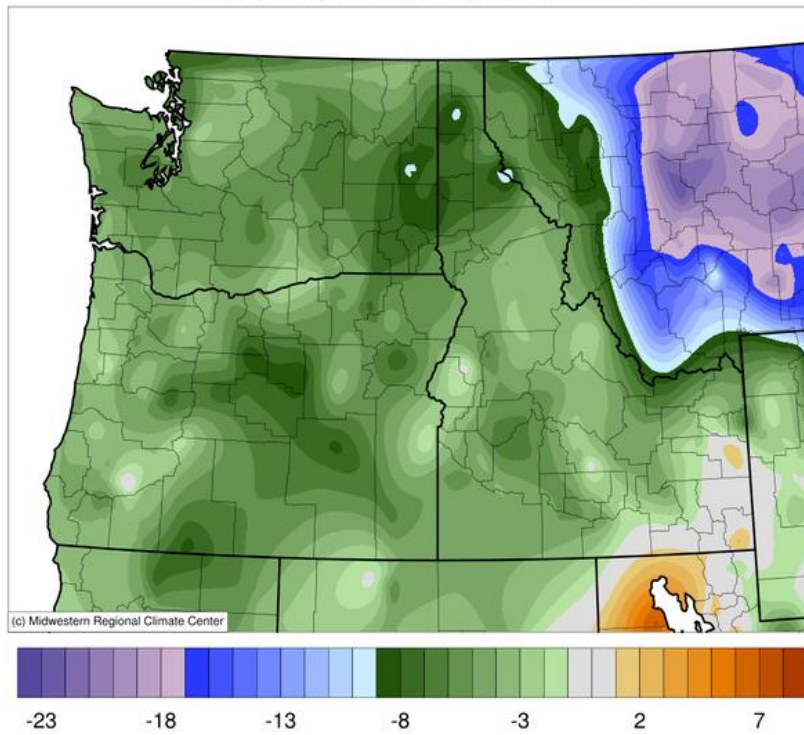
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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

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