



Crop Progress and Condition



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Thunderstorms Reported in Idaho

There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho, down from 6.9 days the previous week. Most of Idaho experienced average temperatures for this time of year, with some counties experiencing hotter temperatures. Isolated thunderstorms were reported in some parts of the State, which increased moisture but slowed harvest. Elmore County reported an early harvest of potatoes in a concentrated area due to damage from a storm cell that moved through part of the county. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties reported that the smoke from fires had begun to clear out. The fourth cutting of hay was underway, and corn was well tasseled with ears filling. Some dry beans started to turn color, and more potato fields were rolled or shredded in preparation for harvest. Farmers were beginning to plant new-seeding alfalfa. Clark, Custer, and Lemhi Counties experienced cooler temperatures than last week with much needed moisture.

Cooler Temperatures and Sporadic Rain in Oregon

There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon, up from 6.9 days the previous week. Polk County experienced unseasonably cool weather and scattered precipitation, which slowed harvest. Columbia, Washington, and Multnomah Counties reported cooling temperatures and ideal conditions for crop progress. Clatsop and Tillamook Counties reported a relatively dry, albeit cooler, summer week and welcomed sporadic precipitation across multiple days. Routine field activities occurred. Corn was in the tassel stage, and ears were developing fine. Hood River, Sherman, and Wasco Counties experienced mild conditions with cooler temperatures throughout the day. Winter wheat harvest started later in the morning due to cooler weather. Some rainfall was welcomed in various areas, although rangeland was still relatively dry. Gilliam and Wheeler County rangeland was also still dry which affected feed for cattle. More of the spring crops ripened as they approached harvest. Malheur County reported heat and more thunderstorms. Early onion and potato harvests were in full swing. Dry beans matured, and some were windrowed for harvest while the third and fourth cuttings of alfalfa continued.

Washington Winter Wheat Harvest Wrapping Up

There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington, up from 6.8 days the previous week. Western Washington producers saw a good amount of rain late in the week. This precipitation was advantageous to dairy farmers growing corn. Central Washington was dry but cooled off. Pastureland was getting short, and wheat harvest was wrapping up. Northeastern Washington had their harvest rolling along. Farmers received little to no rain to delay harvest. In east central Washington, wheat harvest had been completed, and growers were quickly shifting to prepare for winter wheat seeding.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/18/24

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	20	45	35	-
Oregon.....	35	46	18	1
Washington.....	30	39	31	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	16	46	38	-
Oregon.....	31	44	25	-
Washington.....	29	36	35	-

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 08/18/24

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	10	24	27	26	13
Oregon.....	43	19	17	19	2
Washington.....	5	58	18	19	-
Spring wheat					
Idaho.....	-	8	28	63	1
Washington.....	5	13	55	24	3
Barley					
Idaho.....	-	4	17	77	2
Washington.....	4	10	61	22	3
Oats					
Idaho.....	1	2	35	62	-
Potatoes					
Idaho.....	1	3	14	77	5
Oregon.....	2	6	36	40	16
Washington.....	-	6	24	63	7
Corn					
Idaho.....	-	-	6	86	8
Oregon.....	1	7	33	39	20
Washington.....	-	6	28	61	5
Dry edible beans					
Idaho.....	-	3	22	75	-
Washington.....	1	11	33	55	-
Onions					
Idaho.....	-	-	10	70	20
Oregon.....	3	8	30	39	20
Washington.....	-	7	21	72	-
Sugarbeets					
Idaho.....	-	-	13	84	3
Oregon.....	-	1	38	43	18
Dry edible peas					
Idaho.....	-	19	68	13	-
Washington.....	2	7	30	61	-

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 08/18/24

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	24	17	21	36
Winter wheat harvested	72	48	64	64
Barley harvested.....	37	19	21	43
Oats harvested	20	15	20	41
Potatoes harvested.....	5	2	2	4
Dry edible beans harvested	1	-	4	3
Dry edible peas harvested	58	36	70	47
Onions harvested	12	7	-	4
Alfalfa hay 2nd cutting	95	90	94	94
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	45	30	39	39

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 08/18/24

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	72	55	93	69
Winter wheat harvested	89	83	98	93
Barley harvested.....	68	51	92	70
Oats harvested	55	49	70	61
Potatoes harvested.....	23	10	17	25
Dry edible peas harvested	95	87	(NA)	(NA)
Onions harvested	15	10	10	11
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	68	55	58	59

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 08/18/24

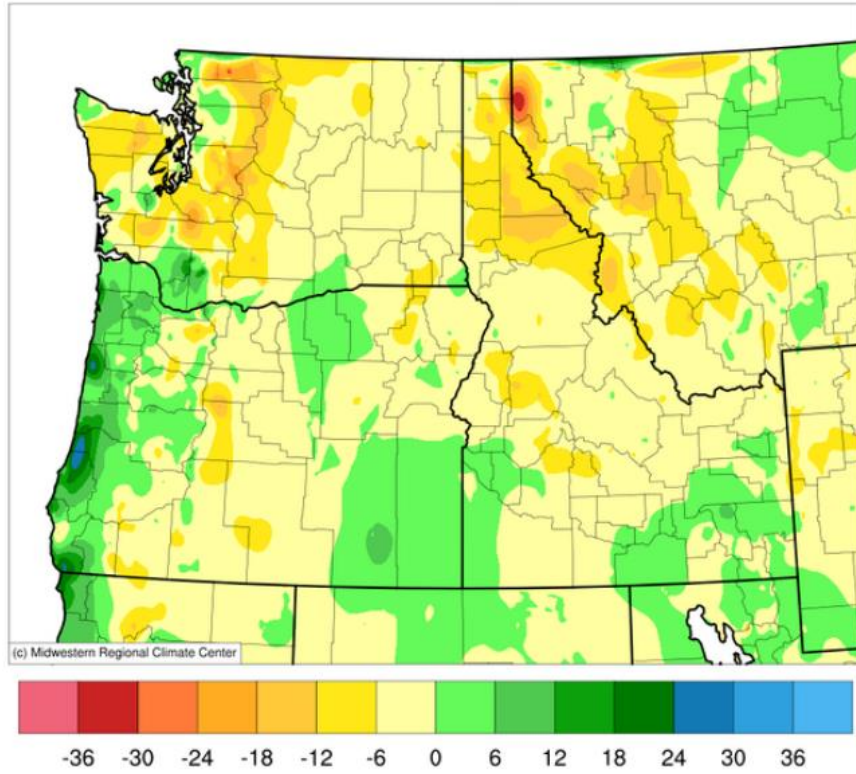
Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	52	32	46	42
Winter wheat planted	-	(NA)	1	2
Winter wheat harvested	85	66	82	76
Barley harvested.....	59	38	50	47
Potatoes harvested.....	19	15	14	20
Dry edible beans harvested	3	-	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible peas harvested	54	42	44	58
Onions harvested	19	15	12	17
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	50	38	51	51
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	11	-	11	(NA)

-Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

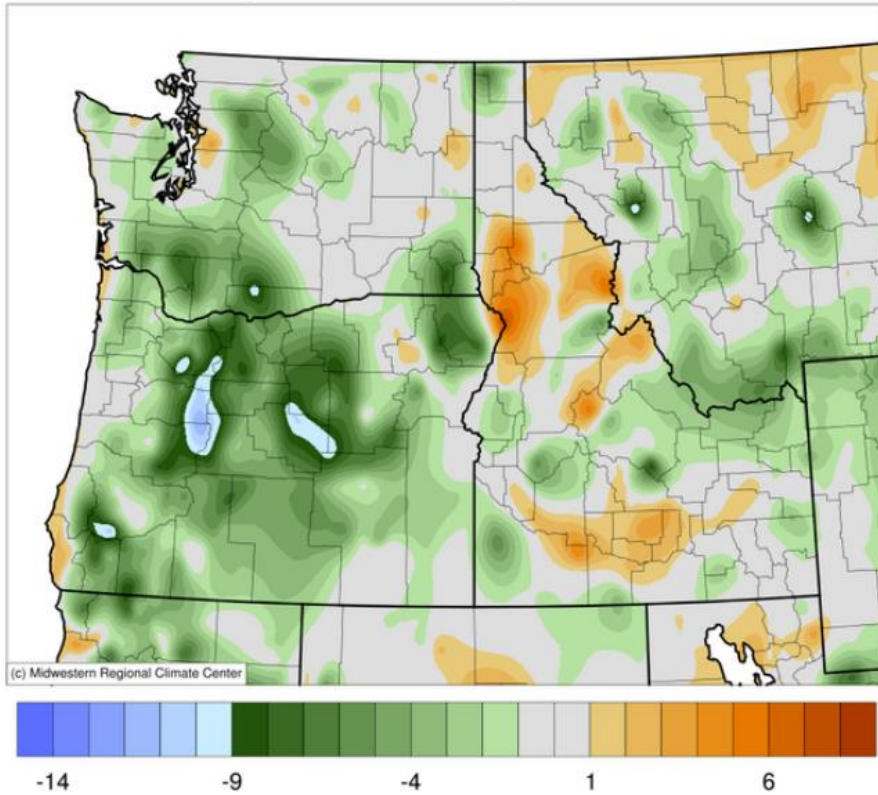
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

October 01, 2023 to August 18, 2024



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

August 12, 2024 to August 18, 2024



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