



Crop Progress and Condition



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Warm and Dry in Idaho

There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho, up from 6.4 days the previous week. The entire State of Idaho experienced warmer than normal temperatures for this time of year. However, Elmore and Owyhee Counties reported instances of cool temperatures that delayed corn harvest. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties reported that the weather was seasonal or warmer than normal, with no moisture. Harvest continued as normal, and farmers prepared for sugarbeet digging. Teton County also reported warm and dry weather during the week.

Good Weather in Oregon Amidst Harvest

There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon, up from 6.6 days from the previous week. Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties welcomed good weather conditions as more winter grain and seed crops were planted. Clatsop and Tillamook Counties experienced multiple days of precipitation as temperatures cooled. Corn harvest started, and field activities were moderate. Hood River, Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco, and Wheeler Counties were still relatively dry, but some areas welcomed a little rainfall midweek. Producers continued to plant winter grains while corn and potato harvests continued. Cattle were moved for grazing since pastures were still dry, following the hot and dry summer conditions. Umatilla County conditions remained relatively dry. Malheur County continued with a warmer dry spell, which made for good harvest conditions for onions, potatoes, corn, and dry beans. Sugarbeet harvest continued as well. Range conditions improved from prior rainfall, while late alfalfa cuttings took place for a final hay crop.

Harvest Continued in Washington

There were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington, unchanged from the previous week. Western Washington received some rain, and temperatures were slowly cooling off. The weather slowed the drying of corn stalks, which delayed silage harvest. Yakima County had abnormally dry conditions for this time of year, and producers still had not seen frost. Apple harvest picked up with mid-season apples such as Honeycrisp, Granny Smith, Cosmic Crisp, Fuji, and Red Delicious varieties coming into the packing houses. Hop harvest continued and was nearly complete. Vegetable harvest slowed with cooler temperatures; however, tomatoes, peppers, and winter squashes took more shelf space at farmer's markets and vegetable stands. Growers started to harvest field corn as well as juice grapes. East central Washington continued to experience dry weather, including a dust storm over the weekend. Some ranchers brought cattle home for the winter, and fall planting was progressing well. Southeast Washington similarly had warmer weather than normal.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/29/24

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	6	40	54	-
Oregon.....	29	48	22	1
Washington.....	32	38	30	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	10	44	45	1
Oregon.....	26	44	30	-
Washington.....	35	33	32	-

- Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/29/24

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	7	40	22	30	1
Oregon.....	37	30	18	12	3
Washington.....	21	51	12	16	-
Potatoes					
Idaho.....	-	2	14	77	7
Corn					
Idaho.....	-	1	6	87	6
Oregon.....	1	8	23	50	18
Washington.....	-	8	23	56	13
Sugarbeets					
Idaho.....	-	-	11	83	6
Oregon.....	-	1	38	43	18

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 09/29/24

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	44	19	30	44
Winter wheat emerged.....	8	2	7	12
Potatoes harvested.....	43	28	39	43
Sugarbeets harvested.....	13	8	8	21
Field corn harvested for grain	-	-	12	4
Field corn harvested for silage.....	43	28	59	53
Dry edible beans harvested	71	61	89	79
Onions harvested	60	48	24	62
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	48	38	45	50

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 09/29/24

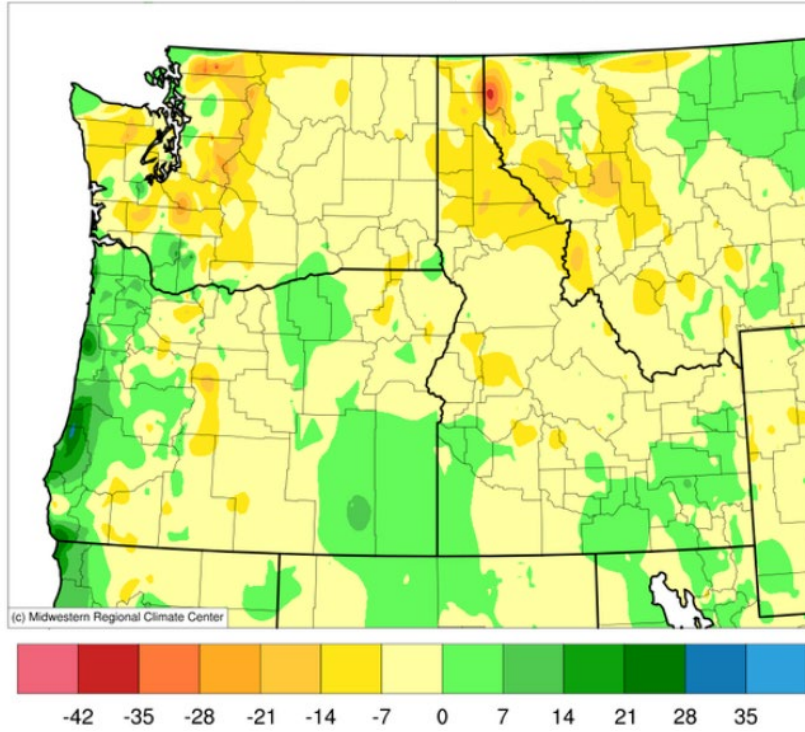
Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	29	16	21	25
Winter wheat emerged.....	10	3	5	8
Potatoes harvested.....	63	59	57	65
Sugarbeets harvested.....	10	5	1	8
Field corn harvested for grain	25	17	30	17
Field corn harvested for silage.....	49	35	52	47
Onions harvested	64	55	55	60

Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 09/29/24

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	71	54	61	64
Winter wheat emerged.....	38	22	33	29
Potatoes harvested.....	55	50	60	58
Field corn harvested for grain	19	7	29	20
Field corn harvested for silage.....	45	35	49	52
Dry edible beans harvested	93	83	88	88
Onions harvested	83	79	65	68
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	72	66	74	59

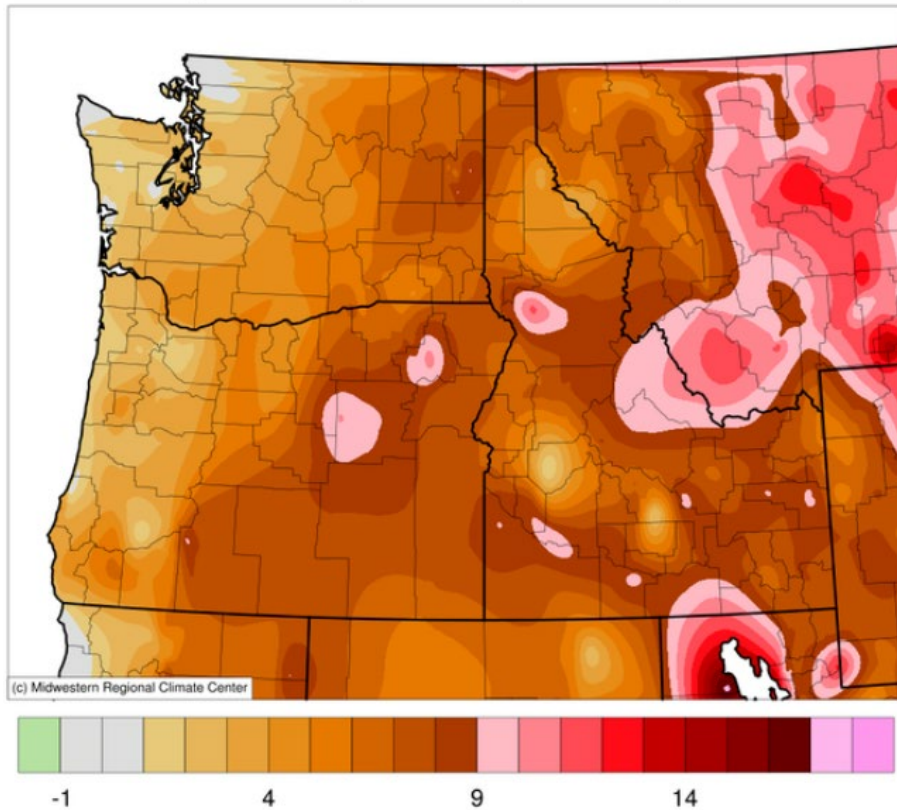
Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

October 01, 2023 to September 29, 2024



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

September 23, 2024 to September 29, 2024



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