



# Crop Progress and Condition



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## Idaho

The average temperatures for December were above normal for the entire State. Accumulated precipitation was below normal for most of the State. By the end of December, Idaho County reported that over half of the ground in the county was partially covered with snow. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties reported an open winter with very little snow and above average temperatures. The last week of December saw some snow and significant rain. Conditions were good for livestock as conditions were dry and not cold enough to challenge them. Winter wheat looked good. With no snow cover and mild temperatures, the winter wheat crop fared well so far. Due to recent moisture, all fieldwork activities stopped. Farmers were working fields well into early December. The mountains received some snowpack. Blaine County reported snowfall in the area, with near normal expected amounts. Bonneville and Madison Counties reported that hay stocks looked sufficient. Recent wet snowstorms helped the water outlook, but the Upper Snake River snow levels were still at or below average. There was good snow coverage on the valley floors. Lemhi County reported getting some moisture at the end of December, with some producers starting to calve. Bannock and Bingham Counties reported snow by the end of the month as well. Lambing and calving progressed as usual. Oneida County reported average conditions for the month of December with adequate moisture as snowpack.

## Oregon

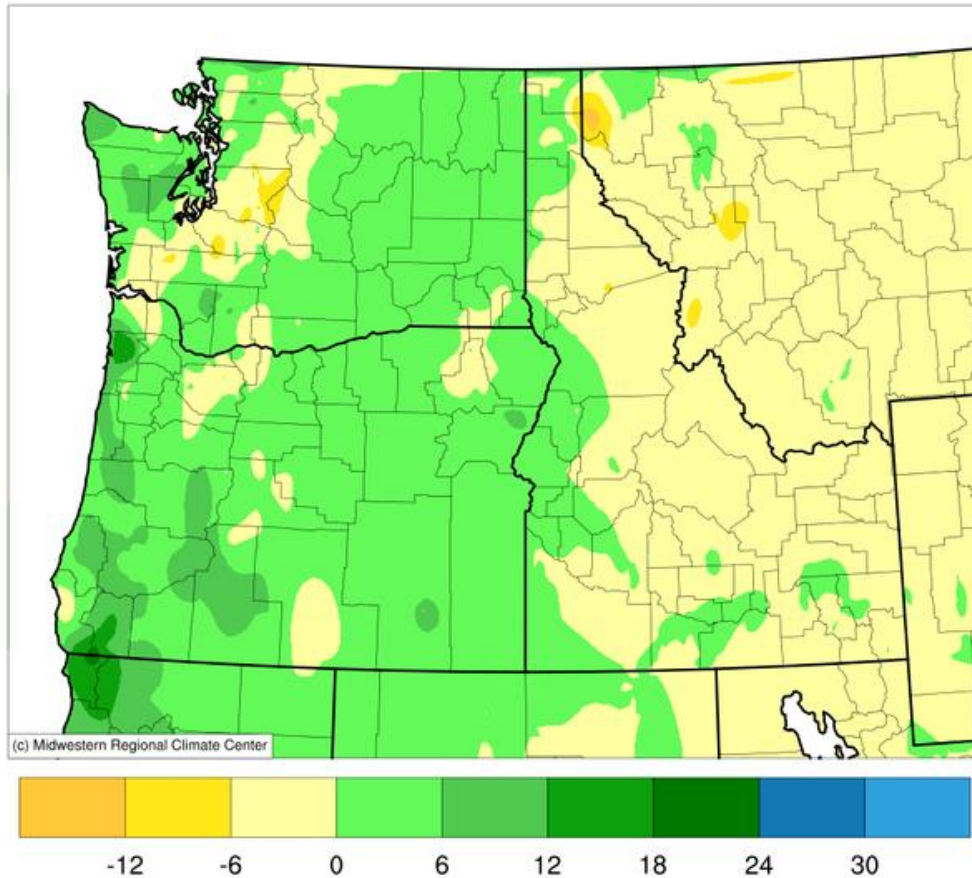
Temperatures ranged from average to above average across most of the State. Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington, and Columbia Counties experienced extremely wet conditions, leading to erosion on open fields, steep banks, and overgrazed pastures. There were brief dry periods to harvest bare root trees. Agronomic crops, including winter grain and grass seed, generally looked good. Despite the excess moisture, the above average temperatures helped crops. Weed populations got an early start. Livestock were kept away from grazing the saturated pastures to avoid soil damage. Benton and Lincoln Counties experienced average but significant precipitation, which led to temporary flooding in some areas. Snow and ice storms have yet to manifest so far this winter season. Clatsop and Tillamook Counties experienced an onslaught of rainfall with heavy winds, which led to numerous fallen trees. Morrow, Sherman, and Wasco Counties also fell under a curtain of significantly wet conditions. The moisture, coupled with average daytime temperatures and above freezing nighttime temperatures, positively impacted crops. Fall seeded crops were behind in growth due to the dry fall. Umatilla County also welcomed moisture after a dryer than average summer and fall. Snowpack was low at both low and high elevations throughout the County. Winter wheat stands were mostly fair or good. Lake County also brought in heavy precipitation, receiving contributions from both rain and snow. Creeks and reservoirs began to fill.

## Washington

The Statewide temperatures for December were above normal to slightly below normal throughout the State. Producers reported weather being unseasonably warm in the northwest part of the State. Vegetable growers hoped for colder temperatures to support optimal growing conditions. In the central part of the State, there was not much field activity in the crop producing areas. The weather was moderate, and snowfall provided some moisture in the area. The northeastern region had mixed days of snow and rain. Field erosion was becoming a concern due to removing soil and fall seeded plants. The east central district had a high volume of rain without a cold snap. Winter wheat was in good condition. The southeastern region also had a high volume of rain without temperatures dropping drastically. Winter wheat was looking good.

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

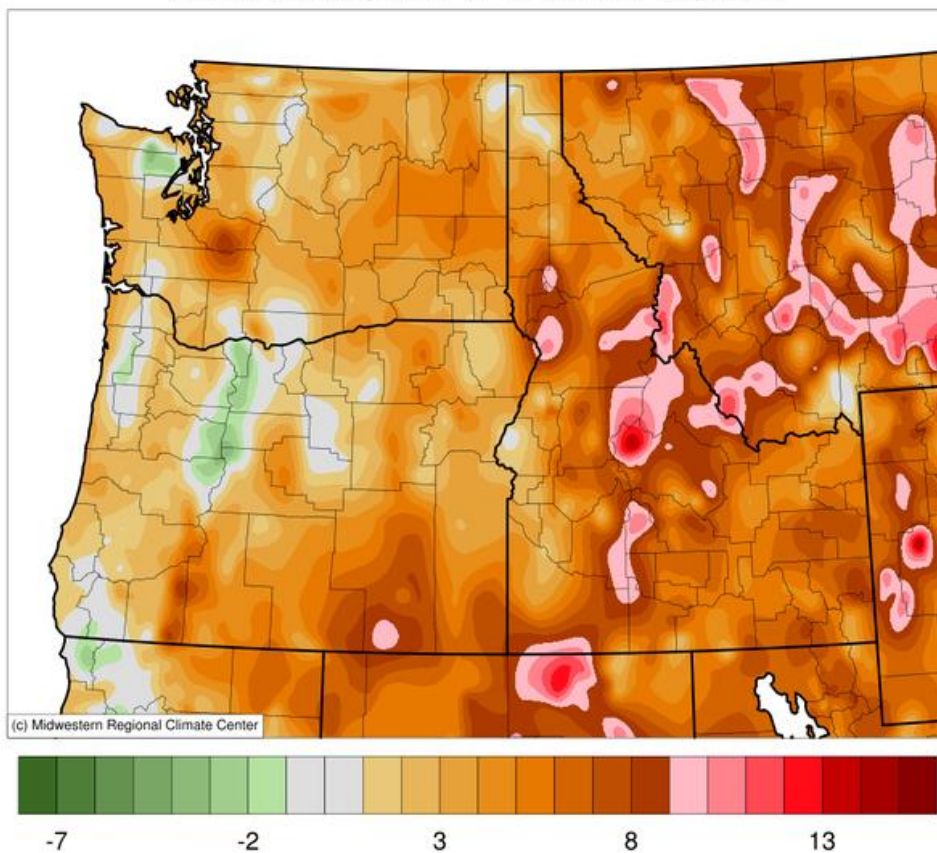
October 01, 2024 to December 31, 2024



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

December 01, 2024 to December 31, 2024



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