

# **Crop Progress and Condition**



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## Idaho Began to Warm Up

There were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho, up from 2.7 days suitable the previous week. Idaho experienced warm temperatures accompanied by light rain for the week. Northern Idaho reported warm temperatures over the weekend. Elmore and Owyhee Counties reported snow in higher elevations created difficulties for ranchers moving livestock to spring and summer allotments. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties reported that field progress was slowed due to wet weather from the previous weekend. However, field activities picked up, and farmers began to plant spring cereals, potatoes, and sugarbeets in the ground. Moisture and warming weather improved range and pasture conditions. Clark, Fremont, and Madison Counties reported the southern part of the area began working in the fields toward the end of the week. However, there was no fieldwork north of Fall River. Bannock, Bingham, and Butte Counties reported warming conditions with soil preparation beginning for fieldwork. Planting was delayed due to light rain.

#### **Oregon Welcomed Warm Weather and Rain**

There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon, up from 4.4 days suitable the previous week. Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington Counties reported favorable weather conditions, ideal for continued crop protection and fertilizing. Malheur County reported an uptick in field activity made possible by dryer conditions compared to the prior week. The emergence of onions was observed, and most onions had been planted along with potatoes. Sugarbeet planting was in full swing, and many operations began planting corn. Grass and pastureland benefitted from the warm weather supplemented by periodic precipitation. Livestock producers were branding and turning cattle out to pasture. Some cropland was flooded along the lower Owyhee River due to the increased releases from the Owyhee Dam. Lake County received snowfall in many areas, which led to cooler daytime temperatures. These cooler temperatures hindered growth in pasture and range lands.

### Warmer Weather for Washington

There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington, up from 5.1 days suitable the previous week. Western Washington saw a little precipitation. Crops were progressing a bit ahead of schedule. In Whatcom County, blueberries were budding, and raspberries were filling out. Fieldwork started, and grass showed good growth. The Yakima Valley experienced overnight temperatures below freezing, and daytime temperatures warmed over the weekend. Pear and sweet cherry trees in the upper valley were in full bloom, and apple trees began blooming. The lower valley had pears, plums, and cherries in various stages of petal fall. Apple varieties were mostly in bloom in this area. Some orchards were grafting over to new varieties. Asparagus harvest continued. Most vegetable fields had been worked up, with some producers preparing fields with black plastic and irrigation. Field crews were observed laying down irrigation for hop yards and burning back hop bines in other yards to extend or delay the hop harvest. Pend Oreille and Spokane Counties observed some fieldwork, although only a little was planted to crops for the week. Spraying began on winter wheat. Calving was wrapping up, and ranchers were considering spring turnout. Winter wheat needed more rain to improve crop conditions in Adams County.

Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/14/24

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Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture Idaho Oregon Washington		1 16 10	80 61 85	19 20 5
Subsoil moisture Idaho Oregon Washington		7 8 10	82 71 84	11 19 4

<sup>-</sup> Represents zero.

Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/14/24

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range Idaho Oregon Washington		12 3 1	26 28 51	53 56 44	7 10 3
Winter wheat Idaho Oregon Washington	- 1 5	3 1 10	28 29 40	66 65 40	3 4 5

<sup>-</sup> Represents zero.

# Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 04/14/24

	Percent completed				
Crop and activity	This	Last	Last	5 Year	
	week	week	year	average	
Spring wheat planted	39	25	18	28	
Spring wheat emerged	5	(NA)	-	1	
Barley planted	36	20	11	27	
Barley emerged	4	(NA)	-	1	
Oats planted	19	10	6	20	
Potatoes planted	9	6	5	15	
Sugarbeets planted	16	12	29	43	
Field corn planted	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Dry edible beans planted	2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Dry edible peas planted	26	16	7	23	
Onions planted	69	45	45	69	
Onions emerged	19	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	

<sup>-</sup> Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 04/14/24

Crop and activity	Percent completed				
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average	
Spring wheat planted	68	59	54	60	
Spring wheat emerged	19	15	4	(NA)	
Barley planted	63	52	16	39	
Barley emerged	12	8	(NA)	(NA)	
Oats planted	49	40	13	41	
Oats emerged	8	2	(NA)	(NA)	
Potatoes planted	51	29	34	42	
Potatoes emerged	6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Sugarbeets planted	90	· 75	` 41	63	
Sugarbeets emerged	20	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Field corn planted	3	` 1	· 1	· 9	
Dry edible peas planted	64	60	21	56	
Dry edible peas emerged	8	3	(NA)	(NA)	
Onions planted	70	60	39	59	
Onions emerged	24	16	(NA)	(NA)	

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(NA) Not available.

## Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 04/14/24

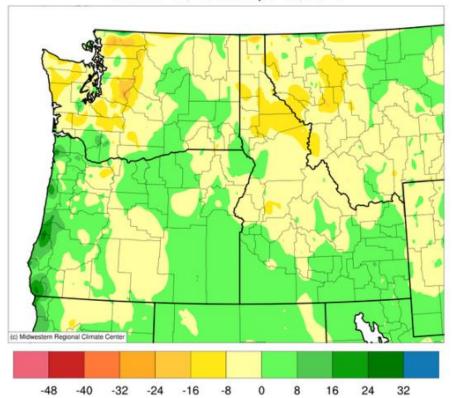
	Percent completed				
Crop and activity	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average	
Spring wheat planted	42	21	22	40	
Spring wheat emerged	9	(NA)	1	10	
Barley planted		10	12	33	
Barley emerged	1	(NA)	-	7	
Potatoes planted	41	11	16	27	
Field corn planted	4	2	(NA)	(NA)	
Dry edible beans planted	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Dry edible peas planted	13	1	8	19	
Onions planted	47	11	13	27	

<sup>-</sup> Represents zero.

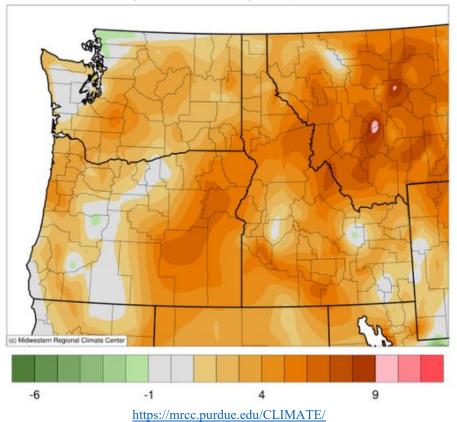
(NA) Not available.

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

October 01, 2023 to April 14, 2024



Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
April 08, 2024 to April 14, 2024







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