



ANDERSON NEWS

Harvest Update

May 6, 2015

ALFALFA

The Alfalfa harvest is in full swing across the Pacific Southwest (PSW). Most of the farming regions in Southern California and Arizona are working on 2nd and 3rd cutting harvests. The overall quality has been good and demand is strong with export needs driving higher prices. The remaining growing areas of the PSW, such as Utah and New Mexico, should begin 1st cutting within the next three to four weeks.

The Pacific Northwest (PNW) has experienced an early spring this year. The warm temperatures have produced good growing conditions and led to hay maturing ahead of schedule. Weather permitting, harvest should start early in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon with growers beginning to cut at the end of May and early June.

WATER

Most of the Western States are faced with drought conditions. The ongoing drought in the PSW has worsened as both snow pack and reservoir levels are lower than last year. In the PNW reservoirs are above average and nearly at capacity. However, there is not adequate snow melt to replace water throughout the summer months. Available irrigation water is a growing concern among some farmers and exporters.

ALFALFA							
Cut	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Washington							
Oregon							
Idaho							
Utah							
Pacific Southwest	100%	80%	20%				

Baled							
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Washington							
Oregon							
Idaho							
Utah							
Pacific Southwest	100%	50%	15%				

TIMOTHY		
Cut	1st	2nd
Kittitas Valley		
Columbia Basin		

Baled		
	1st	2nd
Kittitas Valley		
Columbia Basin		

STRAW	
Cut	1st
Willamette Valley Fescue	
Willamette Valley Rye	









Baled	
	1st
Willamette Valley Fescue	
Willamette Valley Rye	



















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8 Day Weather Forecast









Ellensburg, WA			High Low	Chance of Rain
 Today	Partly Cloudy & Windy	63 40	20%	
 Thurs	Sunny	75 44	0%	
 Fri	Sunny	78 43	0%	
 Sat	Sunny	79 46	0%	
 Sun	Partly Cloudy	80 48	0%	
 Mon	Partly Cloudy	78 46	0%	
 Tues	Partly Cloudy	76 47	10%	
 Wed	Rain & Thunder	77 46	60%	









Moses Lake, WA			High Low	Chance of Rain
 Today	Partly Cloudy	67 43	0%	
 Thurs	Sunny	76 46	0%	
 Fri	Sunny	78 45	0%	
 Sat	Sunny	78 49	0%	
 Sun	Mostly Sunny	80 50	0%	
 Mon	Mostly Sunny	80 48	0%	
 Tues	Partly Cloudy	77 48	0%	
 Wed	Showers	78 49	60%	









Pasco, WA			High Low	Chance of Rain
 Today	Mostly Sunny	69 43	0%	
 Thurs	Mostly Sunny	79 44	0%	
 Fri	Sunny	81 43	0%	
 Sat	Sunny	81 43	0%	
 Sun	Mostly Sunny	83 46	0%	
 Mon	Partly Cloudy	83 48	0%	
 Tues	Partly Cloudy	80 48	20%	
 Wed	AM Showers	82 48	50%	









Albany, OR			High Low	Chance of Rain
 Today	Partly Cloudy	63 40	20%	
 Thurs	Sunny	73 45	0%	
 Fri	Sunny	80 50	0%	
 Sat	Sunny	83 47	0%	
 Sun	Partly Cloudy	75 48	0%	
 Mon	Showers	64 46	60%	
 Tues	AM Clouds PM Sun	68 46	20%	
 Wed	Mostly Cloudy	69 45	20%	

Twin Falls, ID			High Low	Chance of Rain
 Today	Cloudy	64 42	20%	
 Thurs	AM Clouds PM Sun	65 44	20%	
 Fri	Afternoon Thunderstorms	68 44	60%	
 Sat	Isolated Thunderstorms	64 40	30%	
 Sun	Mostly Sunny	68 42	0%	
 Mon	Mostly Cloudy	74 47	0%	
 Tues	Partly Cloudy	76 47	20%	
 Wed	Partly Cloudy	76 48	0%	

Fillmore, UT			High Low	Chance of Rain
 Today	Cloudy	67 44	20%	
 Thurs	Afternoon Thunderstorms	68 41	50%	
 Fri	Thunderstorms	60 37	90%	
 Sat	Mostly Cloudy	59 40	20%	
 Sun	Showers	63 38	40%	
 Mon	Mostly Sunny	73 45	0%	
 Tues	Partly Cloudy	77 47	0%	
 Wed	Partly Cloudy	76 45	10%	

El Centro, CA			High Low	Chance of Rain
 Today	Sunny	84 57	0%	
 Thurs	Sunny	80 56	0%	
 Fri	Mostly Sunny	76 56	0%	
 Sat	Sunny	84 59	0%	
 Sun	Sunny	84 59	0%	
 Mon	Sunny	96 64	0%	
 Tues	Sunny	94 62	0%	
 Wed	Partly Cloudy	92 61	0%	

Eureka, NV			High Low	Chance of Rain
 Today	Scattered Thunderstorms	53 34	50%	
 Thurs	Scattered Thunderstorms	55 32	60%	
 Fri	Afternoon Thunderstorms	53 32	40%	
 Sat	Morning Thunderstorms	56 31	60%	
 Sun	Sunny	61 34	0%	
 Mon	Partly Cloudy	68 40	0%	
 Tues	Partly Cloudy	69 37	0%	
 Wed	Partly Cloudy	68 37	10%	

Yuma, AZ			High Low	Chance of Rain
 Today	Sunny	86 61	0%	
 Thurs	Sunny	85 57	0%	
 Fri	Sunny	78 52	0%	
 Sat	Sunny	84 63	0%	
 Sun	Sunny	92 67	0%	
 Mon	Sunny	96 66	0%	
 Tues	Sunny	95 65	0%	
 Wed	Sunny	92 64	0%	