

AccuWeather.com Forecast

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly sunny and nice	Mostly sunny, nice and warm	Pleasant with sunshine	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Clouds limiting sun
76° 48°	73° 43°	70° 44°	71° 45°	70° 52°
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
78° 44°	74° 39°	72° 39°	72° 43°	70° 54°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	75°	41°
Normals	65°	41°
Records	85° (1895)	24° (2008)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.04"
Normal month to date	0.38"
Year to date	5.86"
Last year to date	8.57"
Normal year to date	9.32"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	78°	40°
Normals	67°	39°
Records	84° (1952)	20° (2008)

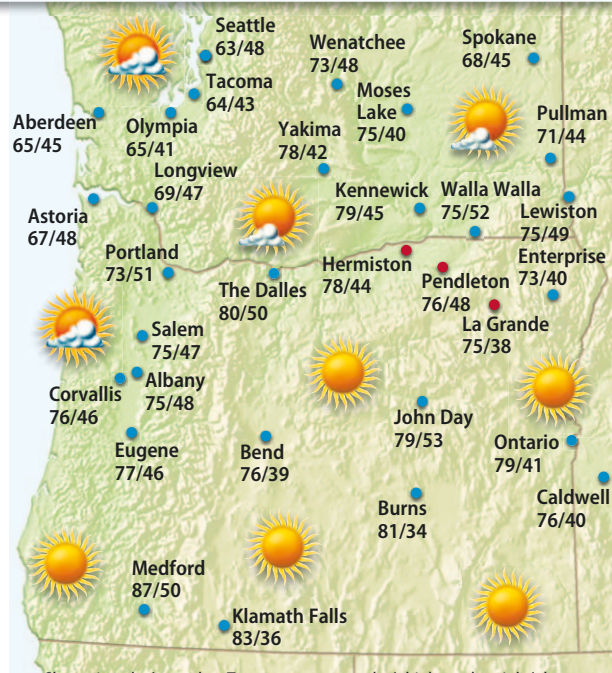
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.21"
Normal month to date	0.20"
Year to date	3.69"
Last year to date	4.98"
Normal year to date	6.76"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:08 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:14 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:43 a.m.
Moonset today	6:49 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Oct 20	Oct 27	Nov 3	Nov 11



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly sunny today; however, clouds breaking for some sun across the north.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Nice today with plenty of sun. Mainly clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

Western Washington: Clouds and sun today; a passing shower in central parts during the morning.

Eastern Washington: Sunshine and a few clouds today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight.

Cascades: Sunshine today; pleasant across the north. Mainly clear tonight.

Northern California: Mostly sunny today; very warm in central parts. Mainly clear tonight.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	pc	Hi	Lo	pc
Astoria	67	48	pc	69	47	s
Baker City	77	34	s	76	34	s
Bend	76	39	s	77	39	s
Brookings	72	55	s	72	55	s
Burns	81	34	s	82	35	s
Enterprise	73	40	s	75	38	s
Eugene	77	46	s	75	43	s
Hepner	76	43	s	72	39	s
Hermiston	78	44	s	74	39	s
John Day	79	53	s	81	52	s
Klamath Falls	83	36	s	82	37	s
La Grande	75	38	s	76	35	s
Meacham	73	36	s	73	35	s
Medford	87	50	s	88	50	s
Newport	66	50	pc	67	50	s
North Bend	70	52	s	71	50	s
Ontario	79	41	s	79	42	s
Pasco	78	44	s	74	39	s
Pendleton	76	48	s	73	43	s
Portland	73	51	pc	71	50	s
Redmond	79	35	s	80	34	s
Salem	75	47	pc	72	45	s
Spokane	68	45	s	69	42	s
Ukiah	75	38	s	74	37	s
Vancouver	72	48	pc	70	49	s
Walla Walla	75	52	s	72	45	s
Yakima	78	42	s	75	38	s

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	79	50	s	75	48	c
Hong Kong	83	76	pc	85	76	pc
Jerusalem	82	61	pc	78	59	s
London	57	42	pc	58	46	pc
Mexico City	77	51	pc	71	51	pc
Moscow	42	28	c	42	34	pc
Paris	54	36	s	50	39	pc
Rome	71	60	t	71	59	t
Seoul	71	48	s	71	49	s
Sydney	70	61	t	73	62	pc
Tokyo	73	59	pc	69	58	s

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Wednesday
Boardman	SW 3-6	NE 3-6
Pendleton	W 4-8	NNW 3-6

UV INDEX TODAY

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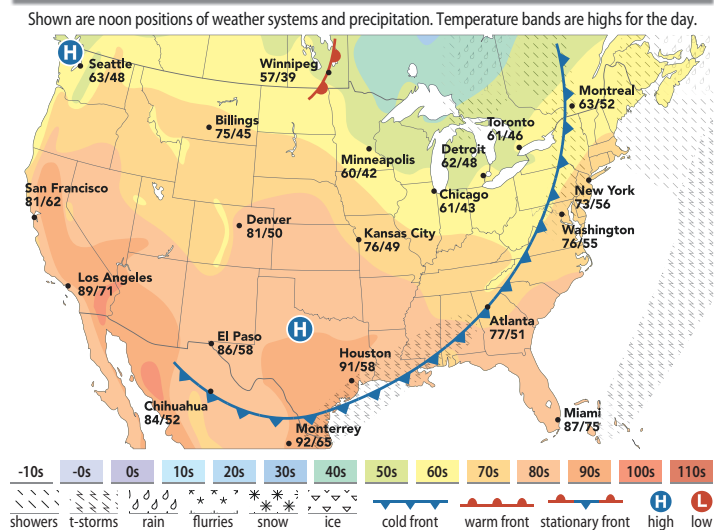
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Showers will extend along an advancing cool front from the central Appalachians to the western and northern Gulf Coast today. Showers will also brush eastern New England. Most other areas will be sunny.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 101° in Horseshoe Bay, Texas **Low 21°** in Stanley, Idaho

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	81	51	s	81	54	s
Atlanta	77	51	s	74	51	s
Atlantic City	72	57	pc	68	50	pc
Baltimore	75	50	pc	67	44	pc
Billing	75	45	s	74	43	s
Birmingham	78	49	s	78	51	s
Boise	79	50	s	80	49	s
Boston	72	56	sh	68	47	pc
Charleston, SC	82	59	pc	79	55	s
Charleston, WV	69	49	pc	65	42	s
Chicago	61	43	pc	62	46	s
Cleveland	61	50	c	57	44	pc
Dallas	89	59	s	94	62	s
Denver	81	50	s	83	46	s
Detroit	62	48	c	59	43	pc
El Paso	86	58	s	88	60	s
Fairbanks	34	26	c	39	25	pc
Fargo	63	41	pc	69	43	s
Honolulu	88	75	pc	86	74	pc
Houston	91	58	pc	91	59	s
Indianapolis	65	44	pc	65	43	s
Jacksonville	83	65	pc	84	57	s
Kansas City	76	49	s	74	51	s
Las Vegas	95	72	pc	94	72	pc
Little Rock	85	53	s	88	54	s
Los Angeles	89	71	pc	87	68	c
Louisville	70	47	s	70	45	s
Memphis	80	52	s	82	55	s
Miami	87	75	s	87	75	pc
Milwaukee	60	43	pc	60	46	s
Miami	60	42	pc	66	46	s
Minneapolis	74	46	s	74	45	s
Nashville	82	65	pc	83	64	s
New Orleans	82	65	pc	83	64	s
New York City	73	56	c	69	50	pc
Oklahoma City	87	54	s	89	59	s
Omaha	76	46	s	72	49	s
Philadelphia	74	55	pc	68	49	pc
Phoenix	98	74	s	101	76	s
Portland, ME	65	50	c	65	40	pc
Providence	73	53	sh	69	44	pc
Raleigh	77	52	pc	72	48	s
Rapid City	72	40	s	73	43	s
Reno	89	54	s	87	53	pc
Sacramento	95	60	s	91	58	pc
St. Louis	71	49	s	73	50	s
Salt Lake City	78	53	s	80	54	s
San Diego	85	73	pc	82	71	c
San Francisco	81	62	pc	76	62	pc
Seattle	63	48	pc	61	48	s
Tucson	93	67	pc	96	71	s
Washington, DC	76	55	pc	68	49	pc
Wichita	85	52	s	84	54	s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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OHA has limited data on medical marijuana grows

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SALEM — Oregon public health officials are running into difficulty implementing a law that legislators passed earlier this year to gain control over the largely unregulated medical marijuana supply chain and prevent drug traffickers from diverting pot into the black market in other states.

A top official at the Oregon Health Authority told lawmakers last week the agency might not have the data necessary to implement a key provision of the new law aimed at curtailing huge pot grows that have blossomed in the state's medical program.

Starting in March, the law limits medical marijuana grows to 12 mature plants in city residential zones and 48 plants in other city zones and rural areas. The Legislature included a provision to grandfather in some of the larger grows that existed on Dec. 31, 2014, with total plants in these gardens capped at 24 in urban residential zones and 96 plants in all other urban and rural zones.

Priscilla Lewis, deputy director of the authority's Public Health Division, told lawmakers during a Sept. 30 hearing that employees at the agency might not be able to figure out how many plants each

medical marijuana grow site had on Dec. 31, 2014.

"I believe we have limited ability to do that," Lewis said. "We would certainly be willing to give it our best shot. But we have discussed this previously, and I can't remember the limitations on the data, but there are some limitations on the data as we currently collect it."

Lewis was responding to a question from state Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, co-chair of the Joint Interim Committee On Marijuana Legalization and one of the legislators who worked on the law to regulate the medical marijuana industry. Lewis' answer appeared to take Burdick by surprise.

"We put it in the legislation people could not have the increased plant counts, unless they had the larger number effective Dec 31, 2014," Burdick said. "Are you saying that that was a meaningless restriction?"

Lewis demurred, saying "I don't have a further answer, but we can get you a further answer."

Shannon O'Fallon, a senior assistant attorney general who advises the health authority, said health authority employees who manage Oregon's medical marijuana program know they need to figure out which grow sites qualify to be grandfathered in with higher plant numbers. They simply have not completed that data

analysis, O'Fallon said.

"I just don't know that they have those numbers right now, and would be able to tell which grow sites would be limited and which ones wouldn't," O'Fallon said during the legislative meeting.

The health authority tracks data on the numbers of medical marijuana patients connected to grow sites around the state.

In the current medical marijuana program, cardholders can have six mature plants and 18 immature plants at any one time. Cardholders also have the option of hiring a grower to produce the crop under the same limits.

Each grower can serve four patients, which would allow a single grower to have up to 24 plants. In practice, multiple growers are often registered at a single garden through a practice known as card stacking.

The Oregonian reported earlier this year the largest grow site in the state serves 104 medical pot patients. The newspaper also reported all the Oregon medical marijuana patients supposedly served by the site lived in California, mostly in the southern portion of the state.

The health authority never inspected medical marijuana grow sites and does not have the regulatory authority to do so, agency spokesman Jonathan Modie wrote

in an email. The agency will gain the authority to inspect grow sites when that portion of the new law takes effect in March.

As a result, it appears regulators do not know the actual numbers of plants at grow sites around the state on Dec. 31, 2014. A week after Burdick raised the question at the legislative hearing, the health authority is still working on an answer.

"The Oregon Public Health Division is developing a system that would allow it to create a list of medical marijuana grow sites that may qualify to be "grandfathered" under (House Bill) 3400 and permitted to have additional plants," Modie wrote in an email. "Options being discussed include working with the Oregon Health Authority's information systems staff to develop a database query on grow site addresses that would qualify, and requiring persons responsible for grow sites to petition the (Oregon Medical Marijuana Program) to be a grandfathered grow site. Discussions on this issue are ongoing."

The health authority would not reveal who is involved in those discussions.

The agency is responsible for implementing many other regulations in the new law, including a system that will for the first time track the medical marijuana supply

from growers to processors and dispensaries. It's unclear whether the agency has made progress on the tracking system, because Lewis and Modie declined to provide any information on it.

Lawmakers had hoped that once marijuana became legal in July for all Oregonians age 21 and older, people who previously enrolled in the medical marijuana program because it was the only legal option to possess pot would opt for the state's new recreational pot system.

People have to pay for annual doctor's visits and application fees to remain in the medical marijuana program, but some clinics that specialize in helping people qualify for the program tout the larger possession limits, both for plants and usable marijuana, as reasons people should choose the medical pot program.

"We have heard that there has been a spike of some degree in the medical cards and you kind of wonder why that's happening, since we really expected to see a decline as people who were truly recreational users didn't need to have the expense or time to get a card," Burdick said. In the end, Burdick asked health authority staff to report back to lawmakers in November with answers about the plant limits and other issues.

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 11 am Joe Lindsay & Family – Musicians
 12 pm Old Time Fiddlers – Musicians
 2 pm One Hum – Musicians
 4 pm Social Begins – Arlington Fire Hall
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 5:30 pm Prime Rib Dinner – Paradise Rose Chuckwagon
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