

YBSA Monthly Report October 2024

Storage: Current storage in the 5 reservoirs is at 7% of capacity which is less than last year. Current flow in the Yakima River in the Yakima Canyon is 725 cubic-feet per second (cfs), between Yakima and Prosser is 1218 cfs, and between Prosser and the Columbia River is 877 cfs.

Water available for the Yakima Basin in 2024:

Irrigation: Sunnyside Irrigation District received 100% of their allocated water. Roza, Wapato, Kittitas, and others received less than needed but were able to manage to complete their irrigation season.

Instream Flow: The Yakima River flow was lower than what was needed to maintain fish survival and fish passage. Salmonoid returns were almost reduced to a historic low. The volume of water and temperatures in the rivers affect the survival of the salmonoids.

2024 Agriculture: Agriculture production was good with a number of crops yielding better than average.

2025 Weather: Weather predictions for the Yakima Basin is less snow in the mountains and more rain.

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