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Grain Harvest Lingerin in Eastern Idaho

Agricultural Summary

Nearly a week of dry weather ended with rains over the weekend in many parts of the state. Rainfall accumulations totaled as much as 0.77 inches in Grangeville. Temperatures during the past week were near or slightly above normal for most weather stations. For the week ending September 12, major agricultural activities included caring for livestock, spraying fungicide, planting winter wheat, finishing grain harvest, and harvesting hay, apples, dry beans, and potatoes.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Range and Pasture condition was reported to be mostly fair to good during this past week. Cattle and sheep continue to be reported in good condition on summer ranges.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2004	2003	Avg.
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	12	26	19
Oats Harvested for Grain	87	94	78
Onions Harvested	41	58	36
Potatoes: Vines Dying/Killed	72	76	60
Dry Beans Harvested	54	54	47
Dry Peas Harvested	98	100	97
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	39	41	30

Field Crop Report

Dry weather enabled many farmers to finish threshing small grains, but several growers in Eastern Idaho and a few in North Idaho still have grain standing. Although some grain in North Idaho suffered sprout damage due to recent rains, overall quality of this year's small grain crops has been reported to be good. Dry bean harvest progressed rapidly in the Magic Valley during the past week. In Southwest Idaho, peach harvest is nearly complete, but apple harvest continues.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 14% very short, 35% short, 50% adequate, and 1% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Potato	0	5	11	70	14
Irr. Water Supply	14	27	36	23	0
Range & Pasture	1	14	36	47	2

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg	2004	2003	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	98	99	91	100	100	100	99	100	99	92	95	92	95	97	93
Barley															
Harvested	98	100	93	100	100	100	99	100	99	85	89	88	90	93	92
Winter Wheat															
Planted	1	6	2	14	13	6	11	3	13	15	13	16	8	8	9
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	60	56	40	8	18	19	9	3	4	12	11	11
Alfalfa Hay 3 rd Cutting															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	99	100	99	94	92	89	42	42	46	74	74	72

Avg (1998-2003); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, September 12, 2004 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)					
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base To Date Normal		Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of September	March 1 To Date Normal		
North													
Coeur D'Alene	79	41	62	0	3547	1875	1707	0.35	0.29	0.37	7.17	12.67	
Grangeville	75	39	58	-1	3179	1561	1400	0.77	0.41	0.91	15.05	15.11	
Lewiston	86	49	67	0	4716	2858	2481	0.05	-0.13	0.06	8.28	6.91	
Sand Point 5/	74	39	--	--	3326	1712	1385	0.03	-0.35	0.05	12.91	14.00	
Southwest													
Boise	88	49	68	3	4720	2882	2384	0.16	0.01	0.16	4.67	5.67	
Caldwell	88	43	66	1	4634	2794	2642	0.00	-0.12	0.01	1.57	5.01	
Emmett	88	44	66	1	4400	2598	2326	0.00	-0.14	0.00	3.36	5.78	
Mountain Home	90	45	66	1	4646	2854	2387	0.00	-0.13	0.00	3.09	4.33	
Parma 5/	--	--	--	--	4484	2653	2254	0.00	-0.13	0.00	3.42	5.15	
Weiser 5/	86	45	--	--	4765	2928	2354	0.00	-0.11	0.00	2.93	5.09	
Southcentral													
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	3739	1986	1977	0.00	-0.11	0.00	2.07	4.80	
Burley	87	37	61	-1	3510	1816	1964	0.05	-0.09	0.05	3.84	5.20	
Hill City	84	31	59	2	2764	1340	1204	0.00	-0.15	0.00	2.78	5.39	
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	4509	2679	2473	0.00	-0.10	0.00	1.70	4.49	
Malta	93	34	63	2	3677	1967	1717	0.00	-0.17	0.00	4.81	5.92	
Twin Falls	87	41	63	3	3755	2051	1737	0.00	-0.14	0.06	4.93	5.33	
East													
Aberdeen 5/	75	29	--	--	3052	1551	1534	0.00	-0.18	0.00	5.63	5.07	
Grace	86	31	59	0	2847	1375	1368	0.00	-0.31	0.30	7.31	9.20	
Idaho Falls	86	32	60	0	3074	1506	1595	0.19	0.02	0.26	5.99	6.28	
Malad City	91	37	67	6	3528	1918	1725	0.00	-0.22	0.48	6.32	8.13	
Pocatello	90	34	62	1	3526	1870	1817	0.05	-0.15	0.05	4.82	6.68	
Rexburg	85	34	60	1	3082	1538	1484	0.00	-0.18	0.01	6.15	7.72	
Salmon 5/	84	37	--	--	2800	1418	--	--	--	0.05	3.73	0.00	

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average ^{1/}	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Emmett	81	70	82	69	79	69	81	69	82	71	84	73	82	73	82	71
Parma	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
Sandpoint	--	--	67	55	68	57	68	57	64	57	--	--	--	--	67	57
Twin Falls	65	53	69	56	69	50	68	56	67	55	68	57	70	60	68	55

1/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.