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Onion Harvest Nears Completion

Agricultural Summary

Statewide, winter wheat planting and potato harvest are nearing completion. Sugarbeet harvest is progressing slightly behind the five-year average. Apple harvest is wrapping up in the south-western part of the state. For the week ending October 17, major agricultural activities included caring for livestock, fall soil preparation, planting winter wheat, and harvesting hay, apples, dry beans, onions, sugarbeets, and potatoes.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Range and Pasture condition remained mostly fair to good during this past week. Cattle and sheep continue to be reported in good condition, with no major insect problems. The fall calving season has begun in some areas of the state, and ranchers are beginning to move cattle off of summer pastures.

Field Crop Report

Power County Extension Educators reported the sugarbeet dig in the county is about half finished, and the moisture content for high moisture corn harvest is finally down to 30%. Washington County Extension Educators reported that good weather is allowing for the rapid harvest of onions and sugarbeets. Franklin County Extension Educators reported the county experiencing a very dry October that has allowed farmers to finish fall tillage operations and fall planting.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 16% very short, 31% short, and 53% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2004	2003	Avg.
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	17	35	25
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	97	97	96
Onions Harvested	97	100	96
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	87	89	88

Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Irr. Water Supply	21	22	22	25	10
Range & Pasture	1	16	41	42	--

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
Winter Wheat															
Planted	91	92	90	88	85	71	82	97	93	91	94	88	89	93	87
Emerged	14	22	21	33	67	43	58	72	62	61	57	59	38	45	41
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	100	98	95	91	91	85	93	94	89	93	93	88
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	22	16	14	31	29	37	41	51	47	31	31	34

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

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, October 17, 2004 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)					
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base		Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of October	March 1		
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal	
North													
Coeur D'Alene	70	34	53	3	4063	2054	1853	0.21	0.10	0.69	9.18	13.87	
Grangeville	65	33	50	2	3606	1657	1495	0.02	-0.37	0.57	17.49	17.07	
Lewiston	72	41	56	3	5430	3222	2785	0.39	0.19	0.94	9.56	7.87	
Sand Point	70	35	51	5	3755	1817	1450	0.38	-0.10	0.51	16.09	15.96	
Southwest													
Boise	75	38	57	4	5456	3269	2666	0.34	0.17	0.34	5.10	6.49	
Caldwell	77	37	57	4	5327	3138	2924	0.00	-0.15	0.00	1.90	5.72	
Emmett	77	37	57	4	5066	2915	2592	0.00	-0.19	0.00	3.96	6.60	
Mountain Home	77	37	56	4	5318	3180	2642	0.24	0.08	0.24	3.56	5.05	
Parma 5/	75	35	--	--	5182	3002	2470	0.00	-0.14	0.00	3.53	5.86	
Weiser 5/	79	38	--	--	5458	3274	2567	0.00	-0.14	0.00	3.16	5.69	
Southcentral													
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	4399	2307	2175	0.00	-0.15	0.00	2.07	5.43	
Burley	71	35	53	2	4056	2024	2141	0.00	-0.14	0.00	4.38	5.90	
Hill City	73	24	51	6	3158	1431	1259	0.03	-0.17	0.03	2.95	6.25	
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	5195	3016	2743	0.00	-0.13	0.00	1.70	4.97	
Malta	73	30	53	3	4247	2202	1866	0.01	-0.12	0.03	6.64	6.64	
Twin Falls	72	35	53	4	4301	2260	1878	0.00	-0.17	0.00	5.61	6.11	
East													
Aberdeen 5/	68	28	--	--	3432	1634	1608	0.00	-0.18	0.06	4.93	5.95	
Grace	70	27	48	1	3261	1484	1442	0.15	-0.15	0.28	9.98	10.72	
Idaho Falls	69	30	50	3	3516	1636	1677	0.00	-0.21	0.09	6.58	7.28	
Malad City	76	27	53	5	4054	2118	1846	0.00	-0.27	0.11	8.00	9.44	
Pocatello	72	35	54	5	4038	2058	1955	0.00	-0.22	0.12	5.87	7.72	
Rexburg	68	30	48	2	3519	1676	1562	0.14	-0.10	0.27	7.04	8.83	
Salmon 5/	72	28	--	--	3216	1534	--	0.00	--	0.00	4.28	--	

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	66	58	--	--	65	57	65	57	64	56	64	56	66	57	65	57
Parma	59	58	58	57	58	57	58	57	--	--	--	--	--	--	58	57
Sandpoint	59	48	55	47	58	49	56	49	58	49	--	--	--	--	57	48
Twin Falls	56	48	58	48	55	47	57	47	57	47	57	48	59	50	57	48

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