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Recent Rains Have Spring Grains Emerging

Agricultural Summary

During the past week, temperatures throughout the state were mostly at or above average, ranging from 22 to 34 degrees at night and from 62 to 75 degrees during the day. The state received moisture in most areas, ranging from a low of 0.05 inches in the Coeur D'Alene area to high of 1.58 inches around Grangeville. For the week ending April 10, major agricultural activities included spring grain, potato, sugarbeet, onion, and dry pea planting. Producers are also preparing for the start of irrigation season.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Lambing and Calving have both progressed to 90% complete. Hay and Roughage supplies were reported to be 2% short, 91% adequate, and 7% surplus. Lambing and calving are reported to be going well.

Field Crop Report

Statewide, winter wheat remains mostly in good or excellent condition. Spring grains are emerging with the aid of recent rain storms. Jerome County Extension Educators reported the addition of more moisture to the soil because of stormy weather during the past week. Potato planting for the state is underway, slightly behind last year and the five-year average. Warm, spring-like days have onion planting in the Treasure Valley progressing well ahead of last year and the five-year average. Elmore County Extension Educators reported seeing the beginning of Mormon cricket hatchings. Elmore County also reported a shortage of irrigation water.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 20% short, 72% adequate, and 8% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2005	2004	Avg
Oats Planted	36	35	20
Oats Emerged	12	10	4
Onions Planted	98	82	78
Onions Emerged	56	36	22
Dry Peas Planted	15	51	17
Dry Peas Emerged	2	9	2

Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	--	8	77	15
Irr. Water Supply	2	35	41	20	2

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted	66	71	23	86	78	84	82	79	66	13	38	27	38	52	35
Emerged	11	6	2	31	54	40	33	9	13	--	3	3	9	6	6
Barley															
Planted	32	56	19	91	78	84	64	83	66	--	13	11	21	37	27
Emerged	7	4	1	36	52	44	21	18	16	--	--	1	7	6	6
Potatoes															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	6	26	22	1	4	8	--	--	--	1	3	4
Sugarbeets															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	75	82	78	28	72	40	11	65	37	34	73	47
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	49	37	29	--	7	2	--	--	--	10	12	7

Avg (2000-2004); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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