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Wet Weather Has Slowed Planting

Agricultural Summary

During the past week, temperatures throughout the state varied from slightly above to slightly below average, ranging from 25 to 40 degrees at night and from 61 to 75 degrees during the day. The state received moisture in most areas, ranging from a low of 0.03 inches around the Salmon area to high of 1.76 inches in the Burley area. For the week ending April 24, most major agricultural activities were halted due to recent rain storms and wet fields. Producers are hoping for some cooperative weather in hopes of wrapping up spring planting.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Lambing has progressed to 97% complete, while Calving is 96% complete. Hay and Roughage supplies were reported to be 2% very short, 16% short, 81% adequate, and 1% surplus. Lambing and calving are reported to wrapping up, and ranchers in some areas are hoping for some dry, warm weather to finish branding.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2005	2004	Avg
Field Corn Planted	11	7	6
Oats Planted	47	55	41
Oats Emerged	31	25	17
Onions Emerged	83	85	64
Dry Peas Planted	70	76	40
Dry Peas Emerged	48	23	8
Lentils Planted	51	51	21

Field Crop Report

Statewide, winter wheat remains mostly in good or excellent condition, and 12% is reported to be jointed. Spring planting is lagging behind for the majority of the state's spring crops. Extension Educators from Bannock, Caribou, Franklin and Power counties reported that recent rain and snow storms have prevented the remaining spring grain crops from being planted. The rains have also prevented some Mormon cricket hatchings in Elmore County. Crops already planted have benefitted tremendously from recent rains. Lincoln County Extension Educators reported that the cool weather coupled with surplus moisture in the fields could delay turning on some irrigation systems.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 13% short, 71% adequate, and 16% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	--	5	76	19
Irr. Water Supply	8	26	44	22	--
Range & Pasture	--	3	28	57	12

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	80	88	48	98	99	99	98	98	93	51	63	59	66	74	63
Emerged	34	25	11	90	79	91	78	79	62	21	30	23	35	38	30
Barley															
Planted	57	80	42	99	98	99	92	95	92	10	39	41	37	59	55
Emerged	31	21	10	97	79	91	69	46	57	--	1	7	23	17	21
Potatoes															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	37	90	62	12	31	33	2	5	5	7	18	17
Sugarbeets															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	90	99	96	89	98	84	96	99	68	90	99	84
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	75	75	73	23	39	21	1	26	24	29	44	31

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

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, April 24, 2005 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base		Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of April	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	72	32	52	2	275	46	7	0.06	-0.38	0.15	1.80	3.68
Grangeville 5/	66	33	--	--	205	20	0	0.11	-0.55	3.70	4.62	4.57
Lewiston	75	40	56	3	530	106	28	0.00	-0.31	1.52	2.67	2.10
Sand Point	70	31	50	3	195	24	0	0.16	-0.37	1.19	5.91	4.65
Southwest												
Boise	73	33	51	0	411	63	10	1.00	0.70	1.48	2.76	2.42
Caldwell	75	36	52	-2	441	74	40	0.07	-0.18	0.31	0.42	2.21
Emmett	74	32	50	-1	352	50	13	0.34	0.07	0.55	1.37	2.56
Mountain Home	72	36	51	0	398	65	3	0.71	0.50	0.88	1.68	1.86
Parma 5/	60	34	--	--	372	44	12	0.29	0.06	0.72	1.32	2.00
Weiser	63	39	51	-1	406	54	13	0.40	0.19	0.59	1.77	2.09
Southcentral												
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	228	25	0	0.00	-0.23	0.00	0.00	1.66
Burley	66	31	44	-5	227	25	0	1.76	1.50	2.00	2.90	1.80
Hill City	61	26	43	0	80	4	0	0.46	0.23	0.76	3.39	2.04
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	496	131	31	0.00	-0.19	0.00	0.00	1.65
Malta	75	27	46	-3	260	39	0	0.50	0.27	1.13	1.29	1.45
Twin Falls	66	30	45	-2	264	42	0	1.66	1.41	1.87	2.98	1.96
East												
Aberdeen 5/	55	25	--	--	116	5	0	1.20	1.00	1.25	1.76	1.40
Grace 5/	67	31	--	--	112	7	0	0.00	-0.35	0.19	0.38	2.49
Idaho Falls	69	28	45	-1	121	6	0	0.43	0.18	1.13	2.61	1.69
Malad City	72	29	48	1	200	30	0	0.18	-0.14	0.55	1.66	2.12
Pocatello	67	25	45	-3	186	16	0	1.07	0.78	2.34	3.90	2.26
Rexburg	70	30	46	0	110	6	0	1.04	0.74	1.68	2.54	1.97
Salmon 5/	70	32	--	--	230	24	0	0.03	--	0.47	0.69	--

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.