



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER

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## Excessive Moisture Slows Planting

### Agricultural Summary

During the past week, temperatures throughout the state were slightly above average, ranging from 23 to 46 degrees at night and from 63 to 74 degrees during the day. The state received moisture in most areas, ranging from a low of 0.05 inches around Parma to high of 2.02 inches in the Caldwell area. For the week ending May 8, major agricultural activities in most areas were halted due to recent rain storms and wet fields. Producers that were able to get into the fields were trying to wrap up spring planting.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Hay and Roughage supplies were reported to be 2% very short, 17% short, 80% adequate, and 1% surplus.

### Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2005	2004	Avg
Field Corn Planted	41	52	41
Oats Planted	64	78	70
Oats Emerged	44	53	42
Onions Emerged	91	99	94
Dry Beans Planted	18	26	10
Dry Peas Planted	80	98	71
Dry Peas Emerged	60	86	43
Lentils Planted	81	95	60
Lentils Emerged	37	80	26

### Field Crop Report

Statewide, winter wheat remains mostly in good or excellent condition, and 40% is reported to be jointed. The state's spring wheat crop is 1% jointed, while the barley crop is reported to be 2% jointed. Gem County Extension Educators indicated that this year's cherry crop will be very short. Triticale in Jerome County is being harvested, while some producers are replanting sugarbeets because of heavy rain and hail damage. Spring grain planting in the south-eastern areas of the state has been further delayed because of wet weather. Farmers are worried they may not get their crops in the ground. Franklin County Extension Educators reported yellowing in many alfalfa fields due to excess moisture.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 6% short, 73% adequate, and 21% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

### Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	--	4	75	21
Irr. Water Supply	6	26	43	25	--
Range & Pasture	--	--	21	65	14

### 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 . . . . .	97	98	77	100	100	100	99	100	100	78	91	89	86	94	89
Emerged . . . . .	71	78	43	100	98	99	88	96	93	41	58	62	57	69	65
Barley															
Planted . . . . .	96	96	73	100	100	100	98	98	98	59	84	80	74	89	84
Emerged . . . . .	66	76	38	100	98	99	80	79	86	15	28	40	38	47	52
Potatoes															
Planted . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	100	100	94	45	93	81	28	47	40	37	63	55
Emerged . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	22	60	36	1	6	4	--	--	1	2	6	4
Sugarbeets															
Emerged . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	98	99	97	79	84	66	64	97	70	80	90	73

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

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## Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, May 8, 2005 <sup>1/</sup>

Station	Temperature <sup>2/</sup>				Growing Degree Days <sup>4/</sup>			Precipitation (Inches)					
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. <sup>3/</sup>	40° Base	50° Base		Total	Dept <sup>3/</sup>	Month of May	March 1		
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal	
<b>North</b>													
Coeur D'Alene	70	43	55	0	468	117	52	0.14	-0.23	0.14	1.94	4.60	
Grangeville	65	32	52	2	325	48	0	1.35	0.57	1.35	6.72	6.04	
Lewiston	73	46	60	4	784	220	104	0.94	0.59	0.94	3.62	2.76	
Sand Point 5/	70	29	--	--	363	82	6	0.16	-0.40	0.16	6.11	5.73	
<b>Southwest</b>													
Boise	73	45	59	4	648	160	65	1.09	0.80	1.09	3.89	3.01	
Caldwell	73	43	59	1	674	167	130	2.02	1.79	2.02	2.54	2.68	
Emmett	73	38	58	3	573	134	73	0.84	0.56	0.84	2.33	3.11	
Mountain Home	72	36	58	4	632	159	48	1.13	0.91	1.13	2.83	2.29	
Parma 5/	74	42	--	--	604	138	72	0.05	-0.20	0.05	1.52	2.48	
Weiser	74	39	60	4	658	167	76	0.47	0.27	0.47	2.29	2.49	
<b>Southcentral</b>													
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	377	56	16	0.00	-0.31	0.00	0.00	2.26	
Burley	71	33	54	1	384	61	23	0.85	0.52	0.85	4.26	2.43	
Hill City	65	29	49	2	177	12	0	0.41	0.13	0.41	3.96	2.57	
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	725	224	108	0.00	-0.26	0.00	0.00	2.13	
Malta	72	34	54	2	396	71	15	0.55	0.22	0.55	2.72	2.08	
Twin Falls	71	34	54	3	420	81	8	0.18	-0.14	0.18	4.51	2.57	
<b>East</b>													
Aberdeen	72	28	50	1	216	20	0	0.33	0.05	0.33	2.55	1.92	
Grace	65	23	45	-3	190	13	0	1.29	0.83	1.29	2.91	3.35	
Idaho Falls	67	31	50	1	228	14	0	0.61	0.27	0.61	3.27	2.35	
Malad City	72	31	52	1	330	50	3	0.08	-0.35	0.08	3.07	2.91	
Pocatello	71	29	52	1	318	38	6	0.37	0.01	0.37	4.56	2.94	
Rexburg	63	32	50	1	218	21	0	0.71	0.27	0.71	3.26	2.77	
Salmon 5/	66	37	--	--	366	53	0	0.21	--	0.21	1.03	--	

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.