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Spring Planting Continued Slow

Agricultural Summary

During the past week, temperatures throughout the state were slightly below average, ranging from 25 to 45 degrees at night and from 67 to 80 degrees during the day. The state received moisture in most areas, ranging from a low of 0.15 inches around Emmett to high of 2.23 inches in the Burley area. For the week ending May 15, major agricultural activities in most areas were halted due to recent rain storms and wet fields. Producers utilized any good weather to attempt to finish planting spring crops.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Hay and Roughage supplies were reported to be 3% very short, 21% short, 75% adequate, and 1% surplus. Ranchers are repairing fences and preparing summer ranges for cattle.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2005	2004	Avg
Field Corn Planted	45	84	66
Field Corn Emerged	6	39	20
Oats Planted	67	93	80
Oats Emerged	52	69	53
Onions Emerged	97	100	98
Dry Beans Planted	25	33	17
Dry Peas Planted	93	100	82
Dry Peas Emerged	80	96	56
Lentils Planted	95	100	73
Lentils Emerged	74	96	36

Field Crop Report

Statewide, winter wheat remains mostly in good or excellent condition. Winter Wheat is 54% jointed. Spring Wheat is 2% jointed, while Barley is 3% jointed. Nez Perce County Extension Educators reported seeing stripe rust disease and mildew in some winter wheat fields. The hay harvest in Gooding County has been limited to green chop. Some triticale silage has also been cut. Spring grain planting in the south-eastern areas of the state has been further delayed because of continuing wet weather. Producers in Franklin, Caribou, and Bear Lake counties are nearing the critical point of whether any spring grains will be able to be planted. Butte County Extension Educators reported receiving some much needed rain in the Lost River Valley.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 3% short, 63% adequate, and 34% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 1.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	1	4	73	22
Irr. Water Supply	6	24	34	36	--
Range & Pasture	--	--	15	56	29

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	98	100	88	100	100	100	100	100	100	80	97	96	88	99	94
Emerged	84	87	55	100	100	100	96	99	98	61	71	76	73	80	76
Barley															
Planted	98	99	85	100	100	100	98	100	100	61	91	90	75	94	92
Emerged	81	87	51	100	100	100	90	94	94	39	52	58	57	67	67
Potatoes															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	100	100	98	49	99	92	43	70	65	48	80	75
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	33	85	62	3	30	13	--	--	3	3	14	10
Sugarbeets															
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	100	100	99	90	94	85	98	100	86	93	97	88
Alfalfa Hay															
1 st Cutting Harvested	--	--	--	3	4	11	2	13	9	--	--	--	1	4	5

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

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, May 15, 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 May	March 1		
					To Date	Normal	To Date				Normal		
North													
Coeur D'Alene	73	37	57	2	588	166	89	0.18	-0.19	0.32	2.12	4.97	
Grangeville	70	35	52	1	411	71	7	1.33	0.53	2.68	8.05	6.84	
Lewiston	80	45	61	3	928	294	160	1.53	1.19	2.53	5.21	3.10	
Sand Point	73	39	56	4	479	128	22	0.46	-0.12	0.62	6.57	6.32	
Southwest													
Boise	76	43	58	1	771	214	113	0.64	0.36	1.73	4.53	3.29	
Caldwell	77	39	58	-2	796	219	195	0.61	0.40	2.63	3.15	2.89	
Emmett	76	39	58	1	688	184	121	0.15	-0.12	0.99	2.48	3.39	
Mountain Home	75	39	57	1	750	209	90	1.11	0.90	2.24	3.94	2.50	
Parma	72	38	54	-4	719	186	122	0.48	0.23	0.53	2.00	2.73	
Weiser 5/	72	39	--	--	786	226	129	0.77	0.56	1.24	3.06	2.70	
Southcentral													
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	451	74	42	--	-0.28	--	--	2.54	
Burley	72	39	51	-3	461	80	54	2.23	1.93	3.09	6.50	2.73	
Hill City	68	34	48	-1	232	14	0	0.88	0.62	1.29	4.84	2.83	
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	839	269	166	--	-0.24	--	--	2.37	
Malta	73	33	50	-3	468	89	38	1.06	0.71	1.61	3.78	2.43	
Twin Falls	73	37	51	-2	496	100	29	1.66	1.34	1.84	6.17	2.89	
East													
Aberdeen 5/	66	28	--	--	274	33	10	1.12	0.86	1.45	3.67	2.18	
Grace	68	25	45	-5	224	14	2	0.69	0.20	1.98	3.60	3.84	
Idaho Falls	70	32	49	-2	294	25	11	1.13	0.77	1.75	4.41	2.71	
Malad City	73	35	51	-1	402	74	19	0.26	-0.19	0.34	3.33	3.36	
Pocatello	72	33	50	-3	388	53	25	1.15	0.80	1.76	5.95	3.29	
Rexburg	67	36	48	-3	276	28	9	0.91	0.45	1.62	4.17	3.23	
Salmon 5/	72	36	--	--	458	78	0	0.24	--	0.45	1.27	--	

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.