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Dry Pea Harvest Underway

Agricultural Summary

During the past week, temperatures throughout the state were above average, ranging from 39 to 60 degrees at night and from 92 to 107 degrees during the day. The state received moisture in a few scattered places, ranging from a low of 0.02 inches near Twin Falls to high of 0.12 inches around Sand Point. For the week ending July 24, major agricultural activities involved harvesting hay, winter wheat, and dry peas, irrigating, cultivating, and spraying fungicides.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

No major livestock problems were reported as sheep and cattle graze summer pastures and ranges. Livestock were reported to be in excellent condition.

Field Crop Report

Statewide, most crops are reported to be in good to excellent condition. Extension Educators in Lewis County reported grasshopper problems in range areas. Producers in Gooding County have shut off irrigation water on spring grain fields. Caribou County Extension Educators reported that warm weather has crops in the area heat and water stressed. Irrigation systems are in full swing, but are having a hard time keeping up with crop water usage. Dryland winter wheat harvest in Power County has begun. Twin Falls Extension Educators reported a wild fire that consumed approximately 100,000 acres of mostly BLM and other public land.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture declined slightly from last week to 3% very short, 33% short, 63% adequate, and 1% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2005	2004	Avg
Winter Wheat Turning Color	75	88	88
Spring Wheat Turning Color	38	48	48
Barley Turning Color	41	57	52
Potatoes 12" High	95	100	99
Potatoes Closing Middles	72	95	89
Dry Peas Harvested	3	5	16
Mint-1st Cutting Harvested	15	27	24

Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	1	5	65	29
Spring Wheat	--	--	3	66	31
Barley	--	1	3	56	40
Potato	--	1	17	68	14
Irr. Water Supply	--	3	28	61	8
Range & Pasture	--	2	14	62	22

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
Winter Wheat Harvested	4	4	7	17	28	24	10	8	10	1	--	4	5	5	8
Spring Wheat Headed	99	100	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	92	94	95	95	97	96
Barley Headed	99	100	98	100	100	100	99	100	100	86	95	96	91	97	97
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd Cutting Harvested	5	9	10	82	90	92	70	90	84	21	20	25	46	53	55

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

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

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)					
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base To Date Normal		Total ^{5/}	Dept ^{3/}	Month of July	March 1 To Date Normal		
North													
Coeur D'Alene	93	50	71	2	2040	931	917	0.00	-0.36	0.75	3.84	9.87	
Grangeville	90	53	--	--	1732	710	676	0.00	-0.27	0.23	15.26	13.08	
Lewiston	105	59	80	5	2858	1530	1358	0.00	-0.14	0.45	7.73	5.76	
Sand Point	--	--	--	--	1876	829	722	0.12	-0.22	1.54	13.82	11.73	
Southwest													
Boise	107	60	83	8	2744	1494	1303	0.00	-0.07	0.02	7.21	4.99	
Caldwell	102	52	79	2	2697	1420	1528	0.00	-0.05	0.05	5.39	4.38	
Emmett	107	57	78	5	2496	1290	1289	0.00	-0.05	0.06	5.29	5.12	
Mountain Home	106	52	84	9	2755	1552	1291	0.00	-0.07	0.00	6.68	3.74	
Parma	102	50	78	5	2509	1279	1261	0.00	-0.07	0.00	3.77	4.43	
Weiser	103	56	80	6	2698	1475	1332	0.00	-0.06	0.01	5.03	4.47	
Southcentral													
Buhl	--	--	--	--	2089	976	1029	--	--	--	--	4.17	
Burley	94	48	73	2	2039	971	1057	0.03	-0.04	0.03	9.79	4.42	
Hill City	92	39	69	4	1502	637	567	0.00	-0.09	0.00	8.38	4.61	
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	2736	1521	1427	--	--	--	--	3.85	
Malta	100	43	74	6	2136	1042	907	0.03	-0.14	0.06	7.98	4.77	
Twin Falls	97	52	77	7	2150	1067	921	0.02	-0.04	0.02	9.50	4.61	
East													
Aberdeen	95	39	70	3	1729	812	802	0.00	-0.14	0.00	5.54	4.00	
Grace	98	40	70	4	1518	696	681	0.06	-0.18	0.16	8.25	7.14	
Idaho Falls	96	42	71	3	1716	776	840	0.00	-0.16	0.02	7.45	5.02	
Malad City	102	48	--	--	1873	887	897	0.00	-0.27	0.00	7.91	6.35	
Pocatello	99	43	74	3	1974	960	944	0.06	-0.10	0.09	8.13	5.40	
Rexburg	94	45	70	3	1718	803	760	0.00	-0.20	0.01	7.81	6.42	
Salmon	97	48	--	--	1874	850	--	0.00	--	0.07	3.07	--	

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.