



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER


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## Small Grain Harvest Lagging Behind Normal

### Agricultural Summary

Harvest of the 2005 peach crop has begun in the Treasure Valley. Lentils harvest in the northern part of the state is progressing behind last year and the five-year average. Grasshoppers have posed a few problems for areas of Nez Perce County. For the week ending August 7, major agricultural activities involved harvesting hay, winter wheat, spring wheat, barley, dry peas, lentils, and peaches, irrigating, cultivating, and spraying fungicides and insecticides.

### 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. Barley harvest is underway across most areas of the state. Producers have begun killing potato vines in select counties. Latah County Extension Educators reported that winter wheat harvest was underway and was yielding well. Nez Perce County producers are spraying some grasshopper infestations in rangeland areas. Franklin County Extension Educators reported that this year's corn crop is in excellent condition. Small grain harvest in Power County is underway. Dryland yields in the county have been better than expected, despite early expectations of severe loss due to stripe rust.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture declined slightly from last week to 7% very short, 48% short, and 45% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

**Crop Progress Table**

| Percentages                           | 2005 | 2004 | Avg |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|-----|
| Spring Wheat Turning Color            | 89   | 88   | 89  |
| Barley Turning Color                  | 84   | 91   | 89  |
| Oats Harvested for Grain              | 12   | 15   | 10  |
| Potatoes Closing Middles              | 98   | 100  | 99  |
| Potatoes – Vines Dying/Killed         | 1    | 4    | 3   |
| Alfalfa Hay – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting | 16   | 19   | 18  |
| Dry Peas Harvested                    | 20   | 38   | 33  |
| Lentils Harvested                     | 11   | 28   | 14  |
| Mint-1st Cutting Harvested            | 48   | 59   | 53  |

**Condition Table**

| Percentages       | Very |      |      |      |           |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                   | Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Winter Wheat      | --   | 1    | 5    | 65   | 29        |
| Spring Wheat      | --   | 1    | 4    | 66   | 29        |
| Barley            | --   | 1    | 7    | 52   | 40        |
| Potato            | --   | --   | 15   | 70   | 15        |
| Irr. Water Supply | --   | 5    | 31   | 56   | 8         |
| Range & Pasture   | --   | 3    | 28   | 56   | 13        |

**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 . . . . .               | 21    | 31   | 29  | 46        | 93   | 75  | 39            | 67   | 58  | 23   | 23   | 36  | 27    | 39   | 39  |
| Spring Wheat                      |       |      |     |           |      |     |               |      |     |      |      |     |       |      |     |
| Harvested . . . . .               | --    | --   | 6   | 25        | 49   | 50  | 9             | 46   | 18  | --   | 3    | 7   | 2     | 10   | 10  |
| Barley                            |       |      |     |           |      |     |               |      |     |      |      |     |       |      |     |
| Harvested . . . . .               | --    | 2    | 8   | 67        | 50   | 52  | 23            | 56   | 32  | 2    | 3    | 7   | 8     | 17   | 14  |
| Alfalfa Hay                       |       |      |     |           |      |     |               |      |     |      |      |     |       |      |     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting Harvested | 20    | 49   | 38  | 96        | 100  | 98  | 84            | 99   | 94  | 56   | 40   | 61  | 70    | 69   | 76  |

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

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**WEATHER DATA NOT AVAILABLE**