



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER



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## Rainstorms Slow Harvest In Some Areas

### Agricultural Summary

During the past week, temperatures for the state varied from slightly below to slightly above average, ranging from 36 to 57 at night and from 86 to 104 during the day. Most of the eastern part of the state, along with other scattered areas received rainfall, ranging from 0.01 inches around Weiser and Lewiston to 0.96 inches near Malad City. For the week ending August 21, major agricultural activities involved harvesting crops, irrigating, 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 good to excellent condition.

### Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2005	2004	Avg
Barley Turning Color	99	100	100
Oats Harvested for Grain	36	51	36
Onions Harvested	2	3	5
Potatoes – Vines Dying/Killed	19	33	21
Alfalfa Hay – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	37	45	42
Dry Beans Harvested	3	5	5
Dry Peas Harvested	62	82	65
Lentils Harvested	53	81	62
Mint-1st Cutting Harvested	63	78	82

### Field Crop Report

Statewide, most crops are reported to be in good to excellent condition. Harvest was slowed in areas of northern and eastern Idaho due to some much needed rainstorms. Grasshopper populations continue to be a major concern in Nez Perce County. Many growers are taking advantage of the ISDA's Seven 5 bait plan, and are considering the cost share option should fields demand an insecticide application at harvest. The insecticide will prevent any staining due to grasshopper bodily fluids in the bean and pea crops. Caribou County Extension Educators reported that some of the second cutting of alfalfa hay was rain-damaged and is being used a "feeder" hay.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture declined slightly from last week to 9% very short, 54% short, and 37% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

### Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Wheat	--	1	7	62	30
Barley	--	1	8	51	40
Potato	--	--	18	58	24
Irr. Water Supply	--	5	32	55	8
Range & Pasture	1	11	35	42	11

### 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 . . . . .	84	79	78	100	100	100	64	98	98	69	72	82	77	82	85
Spring Wheat															
Harvested . . . . .	45	50	39	100	91	96	41	92	66	28	39	46	36	51	49
Barley															
Harvested . . . . .	55	52	41	100	93	96	49	88	77	23	36	40	34	52	51
Potatoes															
Harvested . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	--	1	5	--	--	2	--	1	1	--	1	1
Alfalfa Hay															
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting Harvested	63	92	73	100	100	100	97	100	100	93	74	85	94	88	91

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

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## Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, August 21, 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 <sup>5/</sup>	Dept <sup>3/</sup>	Month of August	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
<b>North</b>												
Coeur D'Alene	90	45	67	2	2873	1484	1407	0.19	-0.78	0.40	4.24	11.57
Grangeville	92	46	68	2	2544	1243	1154	0.03	-0.25	0.13	15.39	14.01
Lewiston	104	54	76	2	3920	2312	2065	0.01	-0.17	0.07	7.80	6.31
Sand Point	90	40	63	-1	2641	1314	1163	0.43	0.10	0.43	14.31	12.83
<b>Southwest</b>												
Boise	101	57	77	5	3839	2308	1985	0.00	-0.07	0.00	7.21	5.27
Caldwell	97	46	73	-1	3725	2168	2238	0.00	-0.08	0.00	5.39	4.67
Emmett	100	53	73	2	3515	2029	1944	0.00	-0.08	0.13	5.42	5.39
Mountain Home	102	48	77	4	3854	2370	1987	0.02	-0.03	0.23	7.13	3.98
Parma	93	49	--	--	3504	1994	1895	0.00	-0.09	0.00	3.77	4.76
Weiser	97	54	75	3	3750	2247	1985	0.01	-0.07	0.01	5.04	4.74
<b>Southcentral</b>												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	2946	1553	1633	--	--	--	--	4.47
Burley	92	45	67	-2	2872	1524	1637	0.21	0.11	0.27	10.06	4.79
Hill City	90	36	63	0	2224	1078	992	0.00	-0.08	0.00	8.38	4.96
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	3761	2266	2086	--	--	--	--	4.16
Malta	95	45	68	1	2995	1621	1421	0.43	0.27	0.66	8.64	5.41
Twin Falls	92	48	67	0	3043	1680	1447	0.26	0.17	0.26	9.76	4.93
<b>East</b>												
Aberdeen	88	39	--	--	2525	1328	1282	0.07	-0.05	0.07	5.69	4.55
Grace	85	41	--	--	2236	1134	1125	0.82	0.53	1.02	9.79	8.20
Idaho Falls	90	38	64	-2	2472	1252	1333	0.25	0.07	0.35	7.87	5.69
Malad City	85	46	--	--	2722	1456	1426	0.96	0.73	1.11	9.71	7.38
Pocatello	92	41	67	-2	2814	1520	1503	0.53	0.37	0.76	9.38	6.07
Rexburg	86	43	64	-2	2469	1274	1232	0.27	0.10	0.67	8.48	7.14
Salmon	88	45	--	--	2585	1311	--	0.00	--	0.33	3.40	--

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.