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Winter Wheat Planting Is Underway

Agricultural Summary

During the past week, temperatures for the state varied from slightly below to slightly above average, ranging from 29 to 52 at night and from 81 to 99 during the day. Most of the of the state, received little or no rainfall. For the week ending September 4, major agricultural activities involved harvesting crops, irrigating, and spraying fungicides and insecticides, and planting winter wheat.

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.

Field Crop Report

Statewide, small grain harvest throughout the state is nearing completion. Fruit harvest in the Treasure Valley continued this week. Apple, plum and prune harvest continued, while the peach harvest is nearly complete. Fall fieldwork has begun in the northern part of the state as producers prepare for planting. Twin Falls County Extension Educators reported a wildfire in the Bell Rapids/Hagerman area that burned approximately 4,500 acres. Thanks to some warm, dry weather, the small grain harvest in Caribou County has really pushed forward. There are still some fields that are too green to cut. Corn for silage harvest has begun in Franklin County, and is expected to surge in the coming weeks.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture declined slightly from last week to 17% very short, 52% short, and 31% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2005	2004	Avg
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	3	5	6
Oats Harvested for Grain	69	65	66
Onions Harvested	6	22	22
Potatoes – Vines Dying/Killed	37	56	48
Alfalfa Hay – 3 rd Cutting	62	62	62
Alfalfa Hay – 4 th Cutting	12	17	15
Dry Beans Harvested	10	22	27
Dry Peas Harvested	92	93	91
Lentils Harvested	92	95	92
Mint–1st Cutting Harvested	95	99	99

Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Potato	--	3	24	50	23
Irr. Water Supply	1	7	34	53	5
Range & Pasture	1	13	38	38	10

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															
Planted	1	--	--	7	6	2	8	--	3	8	--	3	5	1	2
Harvested	99	95	97	100	100	100	97	100	100	98	94	98	98	96	98
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	95	83	84	100	100	100	93	99	98	77	73	83	84	80	86
Barley															
Harvested	97	85	86	100	100	100	90	96	97	64	63	78	75	75	84
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	38	49	34	3	4	11	1	3	3	4	7	7

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

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, September 4, 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 September	March 1 To Date Normal	
North												
Coeur D'Alene	90	43	63	-2	3218	1689	1608	0.01	-0.17	0.00	4.25	12.60
Grangeville	81	43	61	-1	2891	1437	1328	0.00	-0.35	0.00	14.54	14.70
Lewiston	89	52	70	1	4376	2622	2348	0.00	-0.20	0.00	7.90	6.70
Sand Point	87	39	59	-1	2927	1460	1321	0.02	-0.34	0.00	14.33	13.57
Southwest												
Boise	94	50	70	2	4304	2626	2258	0.00	-0.13	0.00	7.65	5.50
Caldwell	99	45	69	1	4168	2471	2515	0.00	-0.11	0.00	5.39	4.87
Emmett	98	45	69	1	3927	2305	2205	0.00	-0.12	0.00	4.81	5.62
Mountain Home	99	43	69	1	4360	2699	2263	0.00	-0.12	0.00	6.45	4.18
Parma	90	44	--	--	3946	2296	2142	0.00	-0.12	0.00	3.19	4.99
Weiser	92	40	67	0	4231	2554	2240	0.00	-0.12	0.00	4.56	4.96
Southcentral												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	3229	1745	1871	--	--	--	--	4.68
Burley	89	37	64	-2	3221	1730	1864	0.00	-0.14	0.00	10.22	5.04
Hill City	89	29	59	-1	2530	1249	1144	0.00	-0.14	0.00	8.26	5.22
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	4352	2663	2352	--	--	--	--	4.37
Malta	97	39	70	6	3376	1878	1627	0.00	-0.16	0.00	7.55	5.73
Twin Falls	94	37	65	2	3445	1936	1650	0.00	-0.13	0.00	9.66	5.18
East												
Aberdeen	94	42	--	--	2871	1533	1462	0.00	-0.17	0.00	4.94	4.87
Grace	85	30	59	-2	2583	1318	1298	0.00	-0.33	0.00	6.92	8.84
Idaho Falls	92	33	62	-1	2784	1424	1519	0.00	-0.20	0.00	7.87	6.08
Malad City	96	34	64	0	3134	1704	1636	0.00	-0.24	0.00	8.35	7.88
Pocatello	95	34	66	1	3188	1747	1723	0.00	-0.20	0.00	10.47	6.45
Rexburg	91	34	62	0	2797	1462	1412	0.00	-0.19	0.00	8.48	7.51
Salmon	95	37	--	--	2910	1506	--	0.00	--	0.00	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.