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Small Grain Harvest Nearing Completion

Agricultural Summary

During the past week, temperatures for the state varied from slightly below to slightly above average, ranging from 20 to 44 at night and from 84 to 95 during the day. Scattered areas of the state received rainfall, ranging from 0.02 inches around Malta and Twin Falls to 0.42 inches in Grace. For the week ending September 11, 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, the potato crop is in fair to excellent condition with harvest just underway. With the exception of the eastern part of the state, small grain harvest is virtually complete. Peach harvest in the Treasure Valley is complete, while the apple, plum and prune harvest steadily continued. Fall fieldwork is in full swing, as producers in the state prepare equipment for fall tillage operations, and ready potato cellars for storage. Power County Extension Educators reported that several large producers will soon begin digging potatoes.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture declined slightly from last week to 18% very short, 51% short, and 31% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2005	2004	Avg
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	8	11	15
Oats Harvested for Grain	77	84	79
Onions Harvested	11	39	37
Potatoes – Vines Dying/Killed	47	70	65
Alfalfa Hay – 3 rd Cutting	75	72	72
Alfalfa Hay – 4 th Cutting	28	36	35
Dry Beans Harvested	21	50	46
Dry Peas Harvested	99	97	97
Lentils Harvested	100	99	98

Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Potato	--	3	24	50	23
Irr. Water Supply	1	7	35	53	4
Range & Pasture	1	14	38	37	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	3	1	2	13	13	7	15	9	13	20	13	15	11	7	8
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	99	96	95	100	100	100	99	99	100	87	90	94	92	93	95
Barley															
Harvested	100	96	96	100	100	100	98	99	99	79	82	91	86	88	93
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	60	59	45	11	8	17	3	8	5	9	11	11

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

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, September 11, 2005 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base		Total ^{5/}	Dept ^{3/}	Month of September	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	84	41	60	-3	3356	1757	1698	0.00	-0.04	0.00	4.25	12.64
Grangeville	78	42	--	--	3019	1495	1393	0.00	-0.35	0.00	14.54	15.05
Lewiston	91	43	65	-2	4550	2727	2465	0.04	-0.15	0.04	7.94	6.88
Sand Point	81	36	57	-1	3036	1499	1378	0.00	-0.38	0.00	14.33	13.95
Southwest												
Boise	95	44	66	0	4482	2735	2370	0.04	-0.10	0.04	7.69	5.64
Caldwell	90	37	65	-1	4342	2575	2628	0.00	-0.12	0.00	5.39	4.99
Emmett	91	40	65	0	4102	2410	2312	0.00	-0.14	0.00	4.81	5.75
Mountain Home	95	36	65	-1	4534	2803	2373	0.20	0.07	0.20	6.65	4.31
Parma	92	48	--	--	4118	2398	2241	0.00	-0.13	0.00	3.19	5.12
Weiser	95	56	--	--	4409	2662	2341	0.00	-0.11	0.00	4.56	5.07
Southcentral												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	3380	1826	1965	--	--	--	--	4.78
Burley	89	41	61	-2	3366	1805	1953	0.06	-0.08	0.06	10.28	5.18
Hill City	86	20	57	-1	2647	1307	1198	0.04	-0.11	0.04	8.30	5.37
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	4550	2791	2459	--	--	--	--	4.47
Malta	90	39	65	3	3549	1981	1707	0.02	-0.15	0.02	7.57	5.90
Twin Falls	90	38	64	3	3613	2035	1727	0.02	-0.12	0.02	9.68	5.31
East												
Aberdeen	90	36	60	1	3021	1612	1526	0.04	-0.14	0.04	4.98	5.05
Grace	89	37	61	2	2727	1397	1361	0.42	0.11	0.42	7.34	9.15
Idaho Falls	88	39	60	0	2923	1494	1586	0.07	-0.10	0.07	7.94	6.26
Malad City	92	36	59	-3	3260	1768	1715	0.00	-0.22	0.00	8.35	8.10
Pocatello	92	40	62	0	3343	1832	1807	0.11	-0.09	0.11	10.58	6.65
Rexburg	87	39	62	2	2948	1543	1477	0.13	-0.06	0.13	8.61	7.70
Salmon	86	34	--	--	3056	1586	--	0.08	--	0.08	3.48	--

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.