



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER



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## First Frosts of 2005 Seen

### Agricultural Summary

During the past week, temperatures for the state were mostly below average, ranging from 22 to 41 at night and from 73 to 90 during the day. The majority of the state received some rainfall, ranging from 0.01 inches around Boise to 1.57 inches in Idaho Falls. For the week ending September 25, major agricultural activities involved harvesting crops, irrigating, and spraying fungicides and insecticides, planning fertilizer applications, and planting winter wheat.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

No major livestock problems were reported as sheep and cattle graze fall 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 still lagging slightly behind last year and the five-year average. Small grain harvest throughout the state is virtually complete. Apple harvest continued in the Treasure Valley, and is progressing normally. Producers in Nez Perce County are focusing on their fertilizer plans for the upcoming crop year. Blaine County Extension Educators reported that some areas of the have experienced the first frosts of 2005. Corn harvest is reported to be in full swing in Jerome County. Franklin County Extension Educators reported that most fall planting is complete, and that soil moisture is good in most areas. Power County received scattered rain showers during the middle of the week, but potato and early sugarbeet harvest was not affected.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture increased slightly from last week to 15% very short, 48% short, and 37% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

### Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2005	2004	Avg
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	47	73	56
Oats Harvested for Grain	89	94	92
Onions Harvested	48	63	61
Potatoes – Vines Dying/Killed	89	97	94
Alfalfa Hay – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	95	86	86
Alfalfa Hay – 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	54	62	60
Dry Beans Harvested	57	88	80

### Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Potato	--	--	22	60	18
Irr. Water Supply	1	8	44	43	4
Range & Pasture	1	16	40	33	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	18	10	14	62	50	28	40	54	55	48	53	47	35	34	33
Emerged	--	--	1	22	2	5	--	10	13	9	20	14	5	8	7
Barley															
Harvested	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	93	93	98	96	96	99
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	90	85	66	21	20	34	12	22	16	20	26	24
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	--	1	1	8	9	8	7	5	5	6	6	6

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

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## Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, September 25, 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 September	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
<b>North</b>												
Coeur D'Alene	73	30	53	-2	3553	1817	1794	0.00	-0.42	0.01	4.26	13.28
Grangeville	74	31	51	-4	3210	1566	1474	0.32	-0.07	0.32	14.18	15.83
Lewiston	83	39	59	-2	4836	2872	2649	0.00	-0.19	0.04	7.94	7.26
Sand Point	74	31	--	--	3226	1558	1443	0.00	-0.36	0.76	15.69	14.69
<b>Southwest</b>												
Boise	85	35	59	-2	4760	2878	2539	0.01	-0.16	0.32	7.97	5.99
Caldwell	79	36	57	-4	4611	2708	2798	0.03	-0.12	0.41	5.80	5.29
Emmett	84	35	59	-2	4375	2548	2474	0.06	-0.11	0.25	5.39	6.09
Mountain Home	90	34	60	0	4820	2948	2537	0.00	-0.15	0.22	6.72	4.62
Parma	83	39	--	--	4393	2539	2386	0.00	-0.16	0.00	3.53	5.43
Weiser	83	41	61	2	4679	2800	2487	0.00	-0.12	0.00	4.95	5.31
<b>Southcentral</b>												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	3667	1971	2100	--	--	--	--	5.03
Burley	81	33	55	-3	3567	1874	2077	0.59	0.44	0.66	10.88	5.47
Hill City	80	22	53	0	2814	1354	1254	0.00	-0.17	0.04	8.70	5.71
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	4823	2926	2623	--	--	--	--	4.66
Malta	88	27	58	1	3786	2094	1818	0.14	-0.03	0.16	7.70	6.23
Twin Falls	83	33	56	0	3845	2135	1834	0.05	-0.11	0.09	9.75	5.62
<b>East</b>												
Aberdeen	85	28	54	0	3112	1592	1599	0.37	0.19	0.41	5.52	5.41
Grace	84	28	54	0	2908	1455	1432	0.70	0.39	1.40	8.63	9.78
Idaho Falls	81	31	53	-1	3094	1534	1665	1.57	1.38	1.82	9.69	6.63
Malad City	80	32	58	2	3499	1881	1817	0.68	0.43	0.90	7.70	8.60
Pocatello	85	29	55	-1	3546	1900	1917	0.69	0.48	1.06	11.53	7.06
Rexburg	81	32	55	1	3132	1601	1552	0.54	0.32	0.79	9.27	8.11
Salmon	73	36	--	--	3236	1637	--	0.18	--	0.42	3.82	--

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.