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Warm Weather Helps Harvest

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures for most Idaho weather stations were above normal during the past week, providing excellent conditions for harvest. Only three stations, Sandpoint, Weiser, and Grangeville, recorded weekly precipitation totals more than one tenth of an inch, and all stations recorded less than one half of an inch. For the week ending October 16, major agricultural activities included harvesting potatoes and sugarbeets, planting winter wheat, applying fertilizer, and moving livestock.

Field Crop Report

Reports indicate 19 percent of the potato crop was harvested last week, but total progress remains well behind last year and the five-year average. Farmers in North Idaho are busy seeding winter wheat. Some producers in the Palouse region of North Idaho are hoping for more rain to help germination of winter wheat. Irrigation water deliveries ended for the season in Jerome County last week. Many farmers in Southeastern Idaho need another week of good weather to finish harvesting cereals and row crops.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Ranchers continue to move cattle and sheep off summer ranges. Livestock are reported to be in good condition.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Statewide, topsoil moisture, at 9% very short, 34% short, and 57% adequate, was unchanged from last week. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2005	2004	Avg
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	17	15	24
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	97	97	96
Onions Harvested	94	96	97
Alfalfa Hay – 4 th Cutting	91	86	90

Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Irr. Water Supply	0	11	48	35	6
Range & Pasture	1	13	42	35	9

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	76	85	86	96	87	77	69	82	93	92	90	87	82	86	87
Emerged	5	12	20	78	31	47	25	55	63	62	59	55	33	36	40
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	99	100	98	68	89	85	70	91	88	72	91	88
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	9	20	13	24	29	32	31	38	39	22	29	30

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

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, October 16, 2005 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base		Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of October	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene 5/	64	34	51	1	3783	1880	1853	0.00	-0.10	0.73	5.03	13.85
Grangeville	60	31	--	--	3406	1611	1495	0.13	-0.25	1.32	15.50	17.02
Lewiston	78	39	57	4	5190	3022	2783	0.07	-0.13	0.54	8.78	7.83
Sand Point	62	29	48	2	3393	1575	1450	0.35	-0.11	1.98	18.36	15.89
Southwest												
Boise	86	37	56	2	5098	3012	2665	0.04	-0.13	0.31	8.28	6.47
Caldwell	82	36	55	1	4920	2820	2923	0.06	-0.09	0.40	6.20	5.69
Emmett	79	36	53	0	4668	2643	2590	0.01	-0.17	0.46	5.85	6.57
Mountain Home	88	36	57	4	5148	3091	2641	0.00	-0.15	0.41	7.15	5.03
Parma 5/	74	35	--	--	4672	2625	2470	0.00	-0.14	0.32	3.85	5.84
Weiser	70	36	51	0	4947	2873	2567	0.34	0.21	0.60	5.55	5.67
Southcentral												
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	3903	2042	2175	--	--	--	--	5.41
Burley	79	25	50	0	3792	1937	2141	0.01	-0.13	0.11	11.06	5.88
Hill City	73	19	45	-1	2962	1384	1259	0.01	-0.19	0.01	8.71	6.22
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	5182	3083	2742	--	--	--	--	4.95
Malta	73	25	47	-3	4009	2172	1866	0.00	-0.12	0.87	8.64	6.62
Twin Falls	82	33	53	4	4126	2239	1878	0.00	-0.17	0.08	9.90	6.09
East												
Aberdeen 5/	63	23	--	--	3261	1626	1608	0.00	-0.18	0.00	5.56	5.93
Grace	74	23	47	0	3061	1481	1442	0.00	-0.30	1.14	9.89	10.67
Idaho Falls	74	22	47	0	3238	1557	1677	0.00	-0.21	0.45	10.14	7.25
Malad City 5/	--	--	--	--	3687	1942	1846	0.00	-0.27	0.87	8.57	9.40
Pocatello	78	24	50	1	3740	1950	1955	0.00	-0.22	0.87	12.46	7.69
Rexburg	73	25	47	1	3286	1635	1562	0.00	-0.24	0.64	9.91	8.80
Salmon 5/	72	34	--	--	3405	1684	--	0.00	--	0.04	3.86	--

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.