



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER



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## Onion Harvest Virtually Complete

### Agricultural Summary

The state's apple harvest in areas of the Treasure Valley is nearly complete. Many producers in southeastern Idaho need another week of good weather to finish harvesting row crops. During the past week, temperatures for most Idaho weather stations were above normal, ranging from 20 to 41 at night and from 67 to 78 during the day. The weather stations in northern Idaho were the only places to report any rainfall over the past week. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.04 inches near Coeur D'Alene, to 0.63 inches around Sand Point. For the week ending October 23, major agricultural activities included harvesting potatoes and sugarbeets, planting winter wheat, applying fertilizer, and moving livestock.

### Field Crop Report

Statewide, the majority of the 2006 winter wheat crop is reported to be in good condition. Fall seeding of winter wheat is nearing completion, with the north and south-central areas of the state slightly behind last year and the five-year average. Reports indicate 17 percent of the potato crop was harvested last week, but the total progress is still lagging well behind last year and the five-year average. Irrigation water deliveries ended for the season in Twin Falls County last week. Power County Extension Educators reported a week of excellent harvest weather. The sugarbeet harvest in the county also continued, and most producers are experiencing both good tonnage and a high sugar content.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Ranchers continue to move cattle and sheep off summer ranges, and are beginning to ship calves. Livestock are in good to excellent condition with no major problems reported.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture from last week to 9% very short, 37% short, and 54% adequate. 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	36	24	34
Onions Harvested	98	99	99
Alfalfa Hay – 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	96	91	95

**Condition Table**

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	4	16	78	2
Irr. Water Supply	1	11	47	40	1
Range & Pasture	2	9	47	34	8

**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 . . . . .	93	94	96	98	92	85	84	87	97	97	96	94	93	93	94
Emerged . . . . .	22	28	35	85	55	59	43	70	80	74	74	68	47	52	55
Potatoes															
Harvested . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	100	100	99	89	98	94	88	99	97	89	99	96
Sugarbeets															
Harvested . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	23	31	26	54	64	52	66	70	66	50	59	49

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

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## Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, October 23, 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 October	March 1		
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal	
<b>North</b>													
Coeur D'Alene	70	37	52	6	3870	1900	1853	0.04	-0.14	0.77	5.07	14.03	
Grangeville	76	35	51	6	3489	1628	1495	0.48	0.08	1.80	15.98	17.42	
Lewiston	78	41	58	8	5317	3080	2787	0.05	-0.17	0.59	8.83	8.06	
Sand Point	68	35	52	8	3466	1588	1450	0.63	0.01	2.61	18.99	16.51	
<b>Southwest</b>													
Boise	73	40	57	6	5214	3058	2668	0.00	-0.19	0.31	8.28	6.66	
Caldwell	72	34	53	3	5014	2844	2926	0.00	-0.18	0.40	6.20	5.87	
Emmett	72	37	53	3	4763	2668	2593	0.00	-0.21	0.46	5.85	6.79	
Mountain Home	75	36	56	7	5260	3133	2642	0.00	-0.18	0.41	7.15	5.21	
Parma	73	38	--	--	4760	2643	2470	0.00	-0.16	0.32	3.85	6.00	
Weiser	73	37	55	7	5049	2905	2567	0.00	-0.16	0.60	5.55	5.83	
<b>Southcentral</b>													
Buhl	--	--	--	--	3979	2054	2175	--	--	--	--	5.56	
Burley	73	30	51	3	3866	1948	2141	0.00	-0.15	0.11	11.06	6.02	
Hill City	71	20	46	4	3006	1385	1259	0.00	-0.24	0.01	8.71	6.46	
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	5295	3125	2746	--	--	--	--	5.10	
Malta	77	30	51	4	4087	2187	1866	0.00	-0.13	0.87	8.64	6.75	
Twin Falls	72	31	53	6	4213	2262	1878	0.00	-0.17	0.08	9.90	6.26	
<b>East</b>													
Aberdeen	73	24	47	3	3315	1637	1608	0.00	-0.18	0.00	5.56	6.11	
Grace	73	25	49	6	3126	1490	1442	0.00	-0.29	1.14	9.89	10.97	
Idaho Falls	69	26	48	4	3290	1558	1677	0.00	-0.20	0.45	10.14	7.45	
Malad City	--	--	--	--	3748	1950	1846	0.00	-0.27	0.87	8.57	9.67	
Pocatello	73	24	49	3	3806	1960	1955	0.00	-0.21	0.87	12.46	7.89	
Rexburg	67	27	47	3	3332	1639	1562	0.00	-0.23	0.64	9.91	9.03	
Salmon	70	28	--	--	3464	1692	--	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.