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State's Potato Harvest Nearly Complete

Agricultural Summary

The state's 2005 apple harvest in areas of the Treasure Valley has wrapped up. Some producers left parts of their crop in the orchard due to condition problems. During the past week, temperatures for most Idaho weather stations were above normal, ranging from 22 to 37 at night and from 60 to 81 during the day. The majority of weather stations throughout the state reported receiving some rainfall over the past week. Precipitation totals ranged from 0.01 inches near the Salmon area, to 0.99 inches around Rexburg. Weather continues to be very good for fall farm work in most areas. For the week ending October 30, major agricultural activities included harvesting potatoes and sugarbeets, planting the remainder of the 2006 winter wheat crop, applying fertilizer, and moving livestock.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

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

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 remaining slightly behind last year and the five-year average. The potato harvest was finally able to catch up to normal due to good harvest weather in some parts of the state. Gooding County Extension Educators reported that the sugarbeet harvest in the county should be complete by the end of next week. Jerome County reported that producers had finished fall harvest and field preparation even though rain slowed activities towards the end of the week. Power County Extension Educators reported that the corn harvest in the county is complete, with the potato harvest wrapping up towards the end of next week. The sugarbeet harvest was slowed due to rain showers on Thursday.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture improved slightly from last week to 8% very short, 35% short, and 57% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2005	2004	Avg
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	47	40	46

Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	2	15	81	2
Irr. Water Supply	1	11	47	40	1
Range & Pasture	2	7	49	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	98	99	99	99	95	90	91	93	99	100	100	99	98	98	98
Emerged	45	40	50	92	65	71	52	84	92	83	83	78	62	63	67
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	100	100	100	98	100	99	98	100	99	98	100	99
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	37	64	53	72	85	77	83	87	87	67	81	73

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

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, October 30, 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 October	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	66	32	47	2	3917	1910	1853	0.09	-0.23	0.86	5.16	14.35
Grangeville	67	32	45	2	3528	1631	1495	0.38	-0.01	2.18	16.36	17.81
Lewiston	68	37	49	2	5383	3091	2787	0.57	0.33	1.16	9.40	8.30
Sand Point	60	31	45	4	3491	1588	1450	0.38	-0.41	2.99	19.37	17.29
Southwest												
Boise	71	33	51	4	5290	3079	2668	0.05	-0.17	0.36	8.33	6.87
Caldwell	72	28	51	3	5089	2862	2926	0.11	-0.10	0.51	6.31	6.09
Emmett	73	31	51	4	4840	2687	2593	0.19	-0.06	0.65	6.04	7.04
Mountain Home	81	28	53	7	5352	3164	2642	0.16	-0.05	0.57	7.31	5.42
Parma	75	34	--	--	4833	2661	2470	0.00	-0.19	0.32	3.85	6.19
Weiser	71	33	--	--	5113	2915	2567	0.33	0.14	0.93	5.88	6.02
Southcentral												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	4046	2069	2175	--	--	--	--	5.72
Burley	76	31	50	5	3934	1962	2141	0.78	0.62	0.89	11.84	6.18
Hill City	73	22	46	6	3052	1389	1259	0.33	0.07	0.34	9.04	6.71
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	5404	3171	2746	--	--	--	--	5.28
Malta	79	30	52	8	4173	2217	1866	0.84	0.70	1.71	9.48	6.89
Twin Falls	76	32	52	8	4299	2294	1878	0.33	0.15	0.41	10.23	6.43
East												
Aberdeen	75	25	48	7	3369	1644	1608	0.66	0.50	0.66	6.22	6.27
Grace	74	29	49	8	3188	1500	1442	0.61	0.33	1.75	10.50	11.25
Idaho Falls	71	26	45	4	3332	1558	1677	0.74	0.55	1.19	10.88	7.64
Malad City	--	--	--	--	3799	1958	1846	0.00	-0.26	0.87	8.57	9.93
Pocatello	76	30	48	5	3862	1970	1955	0.82	0.61	1.69	13.28	8.10
Rexburg	71	30	48	7	3387	1647	1562	0.99	0.75	1.63	10.90	9.28
Salmon	64	30	--	--	3530	1700	--	0.01	--	0.05	3.87	--

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.