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Soggy Soils Allow Limited Spring Planting

Agricultural Summary

Some farmers were able to prepare fields and plant last week, but wet weather prohibited most from entering their fields. Above average precipitation was reported in most areas, ranging from a low of 0.20 inches around the Coeur d' Alene area to a high of 1.28 inches in the Boise area, which for Boise is a full inch above average for the week. Temperatures throughout the state were generally 1^o to 4^o above average, with lows from 26^o to 36^o degrees at night and highs in the 55^o to 73^o range during the day.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Lambing has progressed to 88% complete, while calving is 92% complete, though the wet spring has created difficult work conditions. Hay and Roughage supplies were reported to be 6% very short, 15% short, 78% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Field Crop Report

Across the state, winter wheat remains mostly in good condition. Dry pea and potato planting began in drier southern counties, and limited progress was made in the onion fields. Minidoka County's lighter textured fields allowed some agricultural activity as rains subsided late in the week, while Southeastern and Southcentral Idaho land, such as in Camas county, is still blanketed in up to a foot of quickly melting snow, according to County Extension Educators.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 2% short, 40% adequate, and 58% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 1.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2006	2005	Average
Oats Planted	17	33	24
Emerged	--	10	5
Onions Planted	34	88	80
Emerged	--	48	27
Dry Peas Planted	9	15	17
Emerged	--	2	2

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	1	7	87	5
Irr. Water Supply	0	2	0	37	61

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted.....	5	64	29	28	80	84	28	79	62	1	12	22	7	37	32
Emerged	1	9	3	--	27	37	--	28	14	--	--	3	--	8	6
Barley															
Planted.....	6	31	19	6	84	85	22	61	64	1	--	7	7	21	24
Emerged	2	10	3	--	31	42	--	18	17	--	--	1	--	6	8
Potatoes															
Planted.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	5	16	5	1	5	--	--	--	1	1	3
Sugarbeets															
Planted.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	35	71	76	4	28	33	--	9	28	9	32	40
Emerged	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	42	32	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	9	7

Avg (2001 - 2005); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, April 9, 2006 ^{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 April	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D' Alene	55	32	46	-1	107	4	0	0.20	-0.06	0.42	1.08	2.99
Grangeville	58	30	45	2	66	0	0	1.10	0.50	1.10	3.93	3.17
Lewiston	67	36	52	2	253	27	0	0.78	0.52	1.19	2.13	1.46
Sand Point	58	29	45	2	68	0	0	0.60	0.09	0.60	2.54	3.52
Southwest												
Boise	64	35	50	2	194	18	0	1.28	1.00	1.44	3.80	1.78
Caldwell	66	32	50	0	226	32	1	0.84	0.56	1.07	1.68	1.66
Emmett	68	31	49	1	181	20	0	1.16	0.86	1.51	3.81	1.97
Mountain Home	73	34	53	7	266	50	0	1.21	1.00	1.34	2.08	1.42
Parma	68	33	--	--	190	21	0	1.16	0.92	1.40	2.31	1.51
Weiser	66	33	50	2	179	10	0	0.86	0.60	0.86	2.33	1.60
South-Central												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.20
Burley	69	33	47	2	76	5	0	1.03	0.83	1.03	2.87	1.30
Hill City	--	--	--	--	10	0	0	0.00	-0.24	0.00	0.00	1.55
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.27
Malta	66	32	47	2	109	8	0	0.49	0.32	0.54	1.82	1.00
Twin Falls	70	33	48	4	116	8	0	0.97	0.75	1.01	2.33	1.45
East												
Aberdeen	59	30	--	--	50	2	0	0.47	0.32	0.47	1.12	1.01
Grace	60	26	42	2	28	0	0	0.54	0.25	0.94	2.36	1.78
Idaho Falls	64	30	45	4	48	0	0	1.11	0.91	1.28	2.57	1.19
Malad City	--	--	--	--	61	2	0	0.00	-0.24	0.00	0.00	1.49
Pocatello	66	32	47	4	64	2	0	0.80	0.54	0.90	2.52	1.67
Rexburg	62	32	45	4	48	0	0	1.07	0.85	1.23	2.68	1.39
Salmon	57	36	--	--	87	0	--	1.23	--	1.27	1.65	--

^{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.