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Continued April Showers

Agricultural Summary

Agricultural progress for all crops falls well behind last year and the five-year average, due to abnormally wet conditions, though some areas were slightly below average precipitation for the week. Precipitation ranged from no rain in Parma and Salmon to 1.27 inches in Grangeville. Temperatures ranged from 27^o to 47^o lows and 59^o to 75^o days.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Prolonged wet conditions are stretching ranchers' hay stocks in Lincoln County. Jerome and Twin Falls counties report moving livestock from calving pastures, while Custer County's major activities included branding and turning in bulls, according to County Extension Educators. Lambing has progressed to 94% complete, while calving is 96% complete. Hay and Roughage supplies were reported to be 14% very short, 13% short, 72% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Field Crop Report

This spring, Magic Valley agricultural progress heads the state, though historically Treasure Valley's climate is most conducive to initial crop progress. Elsewhere, over 6 inches of snow blanketed fields in Fremont and Lewis Counties. Snow and rains delayed agricultural activities statewide, with field preparation and planting activities taking place as possible. High winds in Franklin County resulted in minor damage across the county, according to County Extension Educators.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 1% short, 37% adequate, and 62% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 2.3 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2006	2005	Average
Oats Planted	20	41	33
Emerged	--	22	12
Onions Planted	42	100	93
Emerged	--	77	49
Dry Peas Planted	11	58	32
Emerged	2	11	5
Field Corn Planted	1	3	1
Lentils Planted	--	40	15

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	1	7	87	5
Irr. Water Supply	0	0	2	29	69
Range and Pasture	3	5	12	60	20

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.....	8	77	39	48	91	95	69	96	83	5	36	39	17	57	48
Emerged.....	3	29	10	10	65	75	4	53	34	--	7	9	2	21	15
Barley															
Planted.....	7	50	29	7	94	95	43	85	85	2	3	16	13	30	36
Emerged.....	3	26	8	--	62	78	3	47	33	--	--	2	1	17	15
Potatoes															
Planted.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	18	29	13	5	11	1	1	1	4	3	6
Sugarbeets															
Planted.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	35	77	86	45	74	62	4	60	54	36	73	65
Emerged.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	--	64	52	4	12	9	--	--	2	3	20	16

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

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, April 16, 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	59	30	--	--	159	7	0	0.22	0.01	0.64	1.30	3.20
Grangeville	64	30	43	-1	100	1	0	1.27	0.63	2.37	5.33	3.81
Lewiston	63	36	50	-1	322	38	6	0.74	0.44	1.93	2.87	1.75
Sand Point	60	35	--	--	102	2	0	0.51	-0.02	1.11	3.05	4.05
Southwest												
Boise	70	36	52	2	274	42	0	0.19	-0.10	1.63	3.99	2.07
Caldwell	70	37	--	--	322	59	12	0.04	-0.23	1.11	1.72	1.92
Emmett	68	27	52	2	257	38	1	0.18	-0.10	1.69	3.99	2.25
Mountain Home	70	34	51	3	345	76	0	0.43	0.23	1.77	2.51	1.63
Parma	75	47	--	--	266	39	0	0.00	-0.23	1.40	2.31	1.74
Weiser	70	34	--	--	244	19	0	0.02	-0.22	0.88	2.35	1.85
South-Central												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.40
Burley	66	29	48	1	132	12	0	0.33	0.12	1.36	3.20	1.51
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.78
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.43
Malta	68	28	48	1	170	14	0	0.03	-0.16	0.57	1.85	1.19
Twin Falls	67	37	--	--	188	24	0	0.08	-0.15	1.09	2.41	1.68
East												
Aberdeen	64	32	--	--	92	2	0	0.13	-0.04	0.60	1.25	1.17
Grace	64	30	47	5	72	2	0	0.96	0.65	1.90	3.32	2.10
Idaho Falls	63	31	46	2	89	0	0	0.56	0.34	1.84	3.13	1.41
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	66	33	49	4	124	7	0	0.33	0.06	1.23	2.85	1.93
Rexburg	62	29	48	4	99	4	0	0.06	-0.18	1.29	2.74	1.63
Salmon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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.