



IDAHO CROP WEATHER

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Late Planting Underway

Agricultural Summary

Farmers throughout the state planted their fields last week, taking advantage of rainless days and drying soils. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.12 inches in Rexburg. Temperatures ranged from 20^o to 47^o lows and 63^o to 75^o days.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Power county cattle operations are finishing branding and preparing for summer turn-out, while other cattle operations throughout Idaho are running short on hay supplies due to a wet spring. Hay and Roughage supplies were reported to be 21% very short, 19% short, 59% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Field Crop Report

Spring agricultural activities are progressing at a varied pace throughout the state. Most Idaho County Extension Educators reported planting progress. However, in southern and eastern Idaho fields, agricultural activities were delayed by snows up to eight inches early in the week. Cool weather has maintained low soil temperatures for planted seedlings, slowing emergence and crop development.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 1% short, 56% adequate, and 43% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 4 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2006	2005	Average
Oats Planted	25	46	42
Emerged	1	30	20
Onions Planted	55	100	99
Emerged	4	83	69
Dry Peas Planted	14	69	41
Emerged	4	43	15
Field Corn Planted	2	10	5
Lentils Planted	--	50	25

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	2	9	83	6
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	2	33	65
Range and Pasture	2	5	21	42	30

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.....	15	80	47	69	97	98	89	98	92	15	49	52	29	65	59
Emerged	4	34	13	14	87	90	15	75	59	1	19	20	4	33	27
Barley															
Planted.....	12	56	39	42	98	98	72	92	91	6	9	28	23	36	46
Emerged	4	31	12	3	93	91	6	66	51	--	--	3	2	22	19
Potatoes															
Planted	N/A	N/A	N/A	15	35	47	48	11	22	1	2	4	15	6	12
Sugarbeets															
Planted.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	71	88	93	67	88	81	49	92	71	65	88	82
Emerged	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	74	71	11	22	19	--	1	13	8	28	28

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

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, April 23, 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	70	27	46	-5	204	13	6	0.00	-0.40	0.64	1.30	3.60
Grangeville	68	27	45	-2	135	6	0	0.11	-0.55	2.48	5.44	4.47
Lewiston	74	34	53	0	412	62	25	0.00	-0.31	1.93	2.87	2.06
Sand Point	69	26	46	0	140	4	0	0.57	0.04	1.68	3.62	4.58
Southwest												
Boise	72	29	51	0	351	68	8	0.00	-0.30	1.63	3.99	2.38
Caldwell	72	30	50	-3	394	83	36	0.00	-0.25	1.11	1.72	2.17
Emmett	73	26	47	-4	309	51	11	0.00	-0.28	1.69	3.99	2.53
Mountain Home	73	27	49	-2	406	91	2	0.01	-0.19	1.78	2.52	1.83
Parma	67	47	--	--	321	56	9	0.00	-0.23	1.40	2.31	1.97
Weiser	71	31	47	-4	311	35	10	0.02	-0.20	0.90	2.37	2.07
South-Central												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burley	70	24	46	-3	175	19	0	0.38	0.13	1.74	3.58	1.76
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malta	75	23	45	-4	211	25	0	0.18	-0.05	0.75	2.16	1.42
Twin Falls	73	28	46	-2	232	34	0	0.40	0.16	1.49	2.81	1.92
East												
Aberdeen	63	21	--	--	121	7	0	0.00	-0.19	0.60	2.34	1.37
Grace	75	20	43	-2	105	12	0	0.56	0.22	2.46	4.15	2.43
Idaho Falls	74	24	42	-3	120	4	0	0.61	0.37	2.45	3.74	1.65
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	74	25	45	-2	166	16	0	0.74	0.46	1.97	3.59	2.21
Rexburg	73	20	41	-5	127	12	0	1.12	0.83	2.41	3.86	1.92
Salmon	66	28	--	--	150	11	--	--	--	--	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.