



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER

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### Drier Fields Allow Planting Progress

#### Agricultural Summary

Most of Idaho's staple crops were planted, and growers began seeding pulse and feed crops, according to Idaho County Extension Educators. Cooler temperatures, mostly 1 to 6 degrees below Idaho's regional 5-year averages, slowed crop emergence throughout the state last week. Temperatures ranged from 19 to 37 degree lows and 66 to 79 degree highs.

#### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Idaho's Hay and Roughage supplies are 15 percent very short, 23 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Camas County and Caribou County livestock look great and are moving to summer pastures, according to Idaho's Extension Educators.

#### Field Crop Report

Southwest and South-central Idaho growers completed much of their planting, though some planting efforts in Camas County were thwarted as farm machinery stuck to heavy soils in still-muddy fields. Many Southeastern growers were busy planting last week as drier weather permitted entry into the fields. Idaho Extension Educators reported Mormon cricket hatches in Oneida and Elmore Counties. Idaho Winter wheat is 34 percent jointed, 1 percent headed.

#### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 4 percent short, 85 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers averaged 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

#### Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2006	2005	Average
Field Corn Planted	28	39	34
Oats Planted	54	63	69
Emerged	32	43	42
Onions Planted	100	100	100
Emerged	68	90	91
Dry Peas Planted	62	79	68
Emerged	28	59	40
Dry Beans Planted	9	15	12
Lentils Planted	42	79	62

#### Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	3	8	81	8
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	2	28	70
Range and Pasture	--	2	15	52	31

#### 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.....	77	96	76	100	100	100	98	99	99	64	77	84	74	85	85
Emerged.....	21	69	39	74	99	99	78	88	89	20	39	53	32	55	57
Barley															
Planted.....	74	94	73	100	100	100	88	98	98	46	57	70	60	73	78
Emerged.....	23	63	36	88	100	99	54	80	81	6	14	27	21	37	45
Potatoes															
Planted.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	95	98	93	76	43	69	20	25	32	40	34	46
Sugarbeets															
Planted.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	99	100	100	90	100	99	98	100	89	93	100	97
Emerged.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	28	96	96	32	72	63	25	59	62	30	74	70

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

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## Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, May 7, 2006 <sup>1/</sup>

Station	Temperature 2/				Growing Degree Days 4/			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept 3/	40° Base	50° Base		Total 5/	Dept 3/	Month of May	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
<b>North</b>												
Coeur D' Alene	72	30	49	-6	359	49	47	0.00	-0.39	0.00	1.34	4.55
Grangeville	68	28	47	-2	248	19	0	0.08	-0.69	0.08	5.53	5.93
Lewiston	76	35	54	-2	626	138	98	0.20	-0.14	0.20	4.42	2.71
Sand Point	71	28	49	-2	285	33	4	0.29	-0.27	0.29	3.91	5.65
<b>Southwest</b>												
Boise	73	34	53	-2	558	138	60	0.08	-0.21	0.08	4.21	2.97
Caldwell	73	36	53	-4	613	164	121	0.00	-0.23	0.00	1.75	2.65
Emmett	66	31	--	--	498	105	67	0.00	-0.28	0.00	4.47	3.07
Mountain Home	75	34	53	-1	608	156	43	0.13	-0.09	0.13	2.65	2.26
Parma	77	37	--	--	532	134	67	0.00	-0.25	0.00	2.31	2.45
Weiser	73	35	--	--	526	111	69	0.00	-0.20	0.00	2.37	2.47
<b>South-Central</b>												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burley	72	26	51	-1	330	52	20	0.00	-0.33	0.00	3.60	2.39
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malta	73	19	49	-3	361	63	13	0.00	-0.33	0.00	2.28	2.03
Twin Falls	73	30	52	1	407	83	6	0.00	-0.32	0.00	3.11	2.52
<b>East</b>												
Aberdeen	79	24	49	0	270	36	0	0.00	-0.27	0.00	2.53	1.88
Grace	67	21	47	-1	227	32	0	0.00	-0.45	0.00	4.21	3.28
Idaho Falls	69	26	49	-1	246	16	0	0.09	-0.25	0.09	3.85	2.30
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	71	26	50	-1	309	40	4	0.02	-0.33	0.02	3.68	2.89
Rexburg	68	26	49	-1	244	29	0	0.00	-0.43	0.00	3.86	2.71
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.