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Grains Turn Color in Hot Summer Conditions

Agricultural Summary

Crops progressed rapidly last week in the hot weather, aided by isolated thunderstorms. Most of southern Idaho's grain has headed, and just under half has turned color statewide. Temperatures statewide ranged from 87 to 102 degree highs and 41 to 60 degree lows. Reporting weather stations recorded temperatures from 4 to 8 degrees above average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Voies in Lincoln County are turning from drying desertland scavenging to the easier life in developing cropland, though damage levels are minimal, according to the Lincoln County Extension Educator. Last week's scattered thunderstorms delayed Custer and Lincoln County hay harvest. Franklin County Extension reports good quality 2nd cutting hay at compromised yields, due to alfalfa weevil feeding. Cattle are moving to higher grounds in Custer County as lower rangeland dries.

Field Crop Report

Scattered thundershowers watered isolated dryland acreage across Idaho, and irrigation water supply remains in overall good to excellent condition statewide. Idaho grains remain in mostly good condition. Sweet cherry harvest continues statewide with an estimated 62% of the sweet cherry harvest completed by the end of last week. Cricket populations continue in Camas and Oneida Counties, according to County Extension Educators.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was 3 percent very short, 18 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers averaged 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress

Percentages	2006	2005	Average
Winter Wheat Turning Color	41	36	40
Spring Wheat Turning Color	10	5	8
Barley Turning Color	10	12	15
Potatoes 12" high	90	70	85
Potatoes Closing Middles	59	33	50
Mint-1 st Cutting Harvested	18	--	1

Crop Condition

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	5	11	69	15
Spring Wheat	1	2	13	74	10
Barley	--	3	13	72	12
Potato	--	--	10	69	21
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	3	42	55
Range and Pasture	1	2	19	61	17

Grain Growth Stage

	Jointed	Booted
Winter Wheat	100	100
Spring Wheat	100	93
Barley	100	85

Crop Progress by District

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Headed.....	100	98	98	100	100	100	100	100	100	91	99	98	97	99	99
Spring Wheat															
Headed.....	69	83	63	100	100	100	92	88	94	57	54	64	67	67	70
Barley															
Headed.....	59	88	64	75	100	99	82	82	93	49	43	58	58	59	68
Alfalfa Hay															
1 st Cutting Harvested..	66	95	81	100	100	100	99	96	99	91	88	90	94	93	94
2 nd Cutting Harvested..	5	--	1	58	15	56	49	17	42	7	8	5	29	11	25

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

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, July 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 July	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D' Alene	95	46	72	7	1763	847	652	0.00	-0.19	0.00	3.19	9.23
Grangeville	89	51	70	7	1513	685	438	0.19	-0.31	0.19	11.86	12.36
Lewiston	102	56	79	8	2396	1288	997	0.21	0.01	0.21	6.72	5.42
Sand Point	94	56	--	--	1629	765	497	0.01	-0.47	0.01	10.84	10.93
Southwest												
Boise	100	60	79	8	2402	1359	944	0.17	0.07	0.27	7.41	4.83
Caldwell	97	50	76	3	2354	1274	1146	0.09	-0.02	0.09	3.40	4.24
Emmett	95	54	76	5	2174	1158	942	0.02	-0.08	0.02	6.61	5.00
Mountain Home	100	55	80	8	2497	1420	925	0.02	-0.05	0.02	4.95	3.60
Parma	92	52	--	--	2249	1226	926	0.00	-0.10	0.00	3.18	4.27
Weiser	101	57	--	--	2389	1347	984	0.00	-0.09	0.00	3.14	4.33
South-Central												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burley	91	46	70	1	1790	900	748	0.03	-0.06	0.03	5.72	4.26
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malta	93	46	70	4	1830	897	638	0.24	0.11	0.68	4.74	4.43
Twin Falls	91	49	72	5	1937	1005	640	0.59	0.52	0.59	6.28	4.47
East												
Aberdeen	87	55	--	--	1677	840	543	0.00	-0.09	0.00	5.12	3.72
Grace	94	41	70	6	1514	734	445	0.05	-0.14	0.05	6.49	6.64
Idaho Falls	91	47	69	2	1578	754	571	0.14	0.01	0.14	6.30	4.68
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	94	46	70	2	1746	880	646	0.01	-0.11	0.01	5.44	5.08
Rexburg	90	48	69	4	1578	777	513	0.06	-0.13	0.13	6.29	5.98
Salmon	91	48	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

^{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.