



IDAHO CROP WEATHER

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Small Grain Harvest is Underway

Agricultural Summary

Idaho dry pea harvest is underway. Idaho's irrigation water is in good to excellent supply, in spite of the hot weather statewide. Nevertheless, dryland crops suffered drought stress last week as temperatures statewide ranged from 88 to 109 degree highs and 46 to 65 degree lows. Reporting weather stations recorded temperatures from 5 to 12 degrees above average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Franklin County received needed rain last week, which also wetted unbaled hay. No problems were reported for Idaho livestock, according to County Extension Educators. Range and pasture is in fair to excellent condition statewide.

Field Crop Report

According to County Extension Educators, alfalfa and potatoes look good in Caribou County. Winter wheat harvest is starting while 2nd cutting alfalfa wraps up in Power County. In the South central and Southwest districts, barley and spring wheat harvest is underway. Sweet cherry harvest continues statewide with an estimated 95% of the sweet cherry harvest completed by the end of last week.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was 5 percent very short, 30 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers averaged 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Condition

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	3	11	69	17
Spring Wheat	1	2	12	76	9
Barley	--	5	17	68	10
Potato	--	--	8	75	17
Irr. Water Supply	--	1	6	43	50
Range and Pasture	1	1	27	52	19

Crop Progress

Percentages	2006	2005	Average
Winter Wheat Turning Color	91	73	83
Spring Wheat Turning Color	49	35	41
Barley Turning Color	33	39	47
Potatoes Closing Middles	93	70	85
Mint-1 st Cutting Harvested	24	14	19
Dry Peas Harvested	10	3	14

Grain Growth Stage

	Jointed	Booted
Barley	100	99

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 Harvested.....	3	4	6	20	15	20	10	9	8	3	1	2	5	4	6
Spring Wheat Headed.....	100	99	98	100	100	100	100	100	100	90	90	94	94	94	96
Harvested	--	--	--	2	--	3	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Barley Headed.....	96	99	98	96	100	100	98	98	99	86	83	93	90	89	95
Harvested.....	--	--	--	33	--	4	3	--	2	--	--	--	1	--	1
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd Cutting Harvested .	21	4	8	81	79	88	76	68	81	31	20	21	53	44	51
3 rd Cutting Harvested..	NA	NA	NA	8	--	5	14	--	2	--	--	--	7	--	2

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

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, July 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 July	March 1		
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal	
North													
Coeur D' Alene	100	48	73	5	2199	1143	898	0.00	-0.35	0.03	3.22	9.82	
Grangeville	93	50	--	--	1919	951	658	0.00	-0.29	0.19	12.29	13.05	
Lewiston	109	55	82	7	2947	1699	1332	0.00	-0.15	0.21	6.72	5.74	
Sand Point	88	46	--	--	2031	1028	706	0.00	-0.35	0.01	10.84	11.69	
Southwest													
Boise	107	61	84	10	3001	1818	1278	0.00	-0.07	0.27	7.41	4.98	
Caldwell	104	55	81	5	2912	1694	1501	0.00	-0.05	0.09	3.40	4.38	
Emmett	103	56	80	7	2709	1557	1264	0.00	-0.05	0.02	7.50	5.12	
Mountain Home	111	57	86	11	3043	1887	1265	0.00	-0.07	0.16	6.21	3.73	
Parma	105	65	--	--	2791	1632	1237	0.00	-0.07	0.00	4.29	4.42	
Weiser	104	62	--	--	3003	1811	1308	0.00	-0.06	0.00	4.96	4.46	
South-Central													
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Burley	100	53	77	6	2274	1244	1036	0.01	-0.06	0.04	5.73	4.41	
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Malta	104	54	77	9	2317	1249	888	0.00	-0.16	0.68	4.74	4.74	
Twin Falls	102	60	81	12	2462	1397	901	0.00	-0.06	0.60	6.28	4.60	
East													
Aberdeen	--	--	--	--	2153	1176	784	0.00	-0.14	0.30	5.42	3.98	
Grace	99	54	--	--	1970	1049	665	0.00	-0.24	0.27	6.71	7.11	
Idaho Falls	99	50	74	6	2030	1066	821	0.00	-0.16	0.14	6.30	5.00	
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Pocatello	102	53	78	7	2238	1236	923	0.00	-0.16	0.01	5.44	5.38	
Rexburg	96	51	74	7	2021	1080	743	0.00	-0.20	0.56	6.72	6.39	
Salmon	100	52	76	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	

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.