



IDAHO CROP WEATHER

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

United States Department of Agriculture • Washington, DC
 Idaho Field Office • PO Box 1699 • Boise, Idaho 83701
 1-800-691-9987 • www.nass.usda.gov



ISSUE: ID-CW3006
 Released: July 31, 2006
 Week Ending: July 30, 2006

Media Contact: Bill Meyer, Tel # (208) 334-1507
nass-id@nass.usda.gov

Dry Weather for Hay Harvest

Agricultural Summary

Weather stations reported very little rain last week, but Idaho has a good to excellent supply of irrigation water statewide. Temperatures statewide ranged from 94 to 110 degree highs and 44 to 67 degree lows. Reporting weather stations recorded temperatures from 5 to 13 degrees above average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Alfalfa hay harvested for second and third cutting hay stayed dry for baling, transport and storage during last week's hot weather. Livestock are in good condition despite high temperatures in Franklin County, according to the Extension Educator. Range and pasture is drying, with grazing conditions mostly fair to good statewide, according to County Extension Educators.

Field Crop Report

Blaine County Extension Educators distributed bait to control grasshoppers last week, and voles continue to inhabit cropland and homes. Franklin County had some great growing conditions for area crops, while hot and dry weather in Jefferson County was broken by a hailstorm. In Oneida County, dryland and irrigated winter wheat harvest is well underway, according to Extension Educators.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was 6 percent very short, 37 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers averaged 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress			
Percentages	2006	2005	Average
Winter Wheat Turning Color	96	94	96
Spring Wheat Turning Color	67	68	69
Barley Turning Color	61	64	70
Potatoes Closing Middles	98	91	96
Mint-1 st Cutting Harvested	29	24	29
Dry Peas Harvested	24	8	20
Oats Harvested for Grain	7	2	3
Lentils Harvested	2	1	2

Crop Condition					
Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	4	12	68	16
Spring Wheat	1	2	14	74	9
Barley	--	4	14	71	11
Potato	--	--	9	75	16
Irr. Water Supply	--	1	7	49	43
Range and Pasture	1	2	39	45	13

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.....	14	9	14	42	25	42	36	13	26	17	5	10	20	10	17
Spring Wheat															
Headed.....	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	93	99	99	96	98	99
Harvested	2	--	2	19	3	17	4	2	5	1	--	1	3	--	2
Barley															
Headed.....	97	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	93	97	99	95	98	99
Harvested.....	3	--	2	60	15	23	9	5	9	1	--	1	4	2	4
Alfalfa Hay															
2 nd Cutting Harvested .	31	8	20	97	91	94	93	79	87	46	34	37	69	57	62
3 rd Cutting Harvested..	NA	NA	NA	25	9	16	25	7	6	9	1	1	18	5	6

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

William R. Meyer
 Director
 USDA/NASS, Idaho Field Office

Richard Reinhardt
 Director
 Western Regional Climate Center

Dr. Charlotte Eberlein
 Director for Cooperative Extension
 University of Idaho

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, July 30, 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	102	57	79	10	2469	1343	1032	0.00	-0.27	0.03	3.22	10.08
Grangeville	94	53	73	6	2159	1125	783	0.00	-0.21	0.19	12.29	13.26
Lewiston	106	64	82	6	3242	1924	1516	0.00	-0.11	0.21	6.72	5.85
Sand Point	99	55	76	9	2265	1191	822	0.00	-0.27	0.01	10.84	11.95
Southwest												
Boise	104	62	84	8	3306	2052	1456	0.00	-0.06	0.27	7.41	5.04
Caldwell	106	61	83	6	3220	1931	1689	0.00	-0.05	0.09	3.40	4.43
Emmett	104	60	83	9	3012	1790	1436	0.00	-0.04	0.02	7.50	5.16
Mountain Home	106	61	84	8	3346	2125	1447	0.00	-0.06	0.16	6.21	3.79
Parma	107	67	--	--	3089	1860	1404	0.00	-0.05	0.00	4.29	4.48
Weiser	110	65	88	13	3313	2058	1480	0.01	-0.04	0.01	4.97	4.51
South-Central												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burley	96	55	77	5	2534	1434	1188	0.00	-0.08	0.04	5.73	4.49
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malta	100	54	78	9	2575	1444	1021	0.00	-0.17	0.68	4.74	4.91
Twin Falls	99	58	80	10	2740	1608	1040	0.00	-0.07	0.60	6.28	4.67
East												
Aberdeen	95	44	--	--	2408	1361	911	0.21	0.07	0.51	5.63	4.12
Grace	--	--	--	--	2203	1213	781	0.00	-0.23	0.27	6.71	7.34
Idaho Falls	98	51	74	5	2265	1231	952	0.01	-0.15	0.15	6.31	5.16
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	100	51	78	7	2502	1430	1069	0.01	-0.15	0.02	5.45	5.54
Rexburg	97	52	74	6	2256	1245	866	0.00	-0.19	0.56	6.72	6.59
Salmon	100	54	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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.