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Dry Weather for Hay Harvest

Agricultural Summary

Reporting Idaho weather stations reported scattered rain last week. Temperatures statewide were a bit cooler than average, and ranged from 84 to 100 degree highs and 44 to 58 degree lows. Growers are harvesting small grains, hay, peas and lentils, mint and oats.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Alfalfa hay yield and quality were strong last week as second cutting alfalfa was harvested, aided by the hot weather and plentiful irrigation, remarked the Franklin County Extension Educator. Second cutting alfalfa is nearing completion statewide. The Power County Extension Educator reported Thursday's thunderstorms provided good moisture for local rangelands, but halted grain harvest briefly. Range and pasture is in mostly good to fair condition statewide.

Field Crop Report

Grasshoppers were reported in both Camas and Clearwater counties, according to County Extension Educators, and also armyworms in Camas County. Growing conditions for corn are excellent in Franklin County, and grains and potatoes statewide are in good condition. First cutting mint is almost half harvested, and potato vines are just beginning to be prepared for potato harvest.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was 7 percent very short, 39 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers averaged 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress			
Percentages	2006	2005	Average
Spring Wheat Turning Color	82	87	87
Barley Turning Color	85	82	87
Potatoes – Vines Dying/ Killed	4	1	2
Mint-1 st Cutting Harvested	47	45	44
Dry Peas Harvested	32	18	28
Oats Harvested for Grain	17	11	10
Lentils Harvested	13	10	11

Crop Condition					
Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	4	18	63	15
Spring Wheat	1	2	16	72	9
Barley	--	4	13	72	11
Potato	--	--	9	74	17
Irr. Water Supply	--	1	7	52	40
Range and Pasture	1	3	36	47	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.....	33	19	25	65	43	67	62	35	48	40	21	29	42	25	34
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	7	--	4	39	22	45	11	8	15	4	--	4	8	2	7
Barley															
Harvested.....	13	--	5	76	60	53	18	21	24	4	2	4	10	7	10
Alfalfa Hay															
2 nd Cutting Harvested .	71	18	32	100	96	97	97	84	92	62	53	55	80	68	72
3 rd Cutting Harvested..	NA	NA	NA	37	24	32	51	23	17	10	3	2	30	15	15

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

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, August 6, 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 August	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D' Alene	84	45	62	-7	2626	1430	1167	0.00	-0.13	0.00	3.22	10.21
Grangeville	87	44	64	-4	2324	1221	909	0.00	-0.21	0.00	12.29	13.46
Lewiston	96	50	73	-4	3470	2082	1700	0.00	-0.11	0.00	6.72	5.97
Sand Point	85	44	--	--	2414	1271	939	0.00	-0.24	0.00	10.84	12.20
Southwest												
Boise	96	54	75	-1	3548	2225	1634	0.00	-0.07	0.00	7.41	5.11
Caldwell	93	52	72	-5	3442	2083	1875	0.00	-0.07	0.00	3.40	4.50
Emmett	94	51	72	-3	3233	1940	1607	0.00	-0.07	0.00	7.50	5.22
Mountain Home	100	48	75	-1	3593	2302	1628	0.00	-0.07	0.00	6.21	3.86
Parma	95	58	--	--	3309	2010	1570	0.00	-0.08	0.00	4.29	4.56
Weiser	96	53	73	-1	3555	2230	1651	0.00	-0.06	0.00	4.97	4.57
South-Central												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burley	92	48	69	-3	2734	1564	1339	0.03	-0.06	0.02	5.76	4.58
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malta	90	45	70	1	2786	1585	1154	0.24	0.07	0.24	4.98	5.08
Twin Falls	92	54	70	1	2952	1750	1178	0.00	-0.08	0.00	6.28	4.75
East												
Aberdeen	87	55	--	--	2604	1487	1036	0.00	-0.16	0.00	5.63	4.28
Grace	--	--	--	--	2377	1317	895	0.00	-0.26	0.00	6.71	7.60
Idaho Falls	91	42	66	-3	2444	1340	1080	0.16	-0.01	0.08	6.47	5.33
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	94	45	69	-2	2706	1564	1215	0.12	-0.05	0.12	5.57	5.72
Rexburg	89	44	66	-2	2438	1357	988	0.07	-0.13	0.07	6.79	6.79
Salmon	90	46	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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.