



IDAHO CROP WEATHER

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Fair Weather

Agricultural Summary

Very little rain fell last week, delaying local grain harvests only slightly. Reporting weather stations recorded 84 to 100 degree highs and 37 to 57 degree lows during the past week. Much of Idaho's winter wheat and mint is harvested, according to summarized reports from County Extension Educators statewide. Lemhi County Fair runs August 23-26, and the Western Idaho Fair is in full swing in Boise.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Second cutting alfalfa harvest is nearing completion, while third cutting alfalfa is over half harvested. Idaho's range and pasture is in fair to good condition statewide according to County Extension Educators.

Field Crop Report

Canyon County suffered light damage from storms last week. Rain delayed harvest in Nez Perce and Custer Counties briefly. Several growers in Franklin County mentioned winter wheat yields were lower than expected. Power and Madison County Extension Educators noted that grain is a bit slow to mature this year.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was 7 percent very short, 36 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Reports indicate 6.8 days were suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress

<i>Percentages</i>	2006	2005	Average
Oats Harvested for Grain	52	35	33
Potatoes – Vines Dying/ Killed	21	17	20
Onions Harvested	7	2	4
Dry Beans Harvested	6	3	3
Dry Peas Harvested	64	60	58
Lentils Harvested	55	50	52
Mint-1 st Cutting Harvested	82	61	75

Crop Condition

<i>Percentages</i>	<i>Very Poor</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
Spring Wheat	--	2	19	70	9
Barley	--	3	13	72	12
Potato	--	--	8	76	16
Irr. Water Supply	--	2	3	63	32
Range and Pasture	1	5	45	45	4

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
Potatoes															
Harvested.....	NA	NA	NA	4	--	3	5	--	1	--	--	--	2	--	1
Winter Wheat															
Harvested.....	82	80	75	99	100	100	93	63	90	84	66	76	86	74	80
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	51	41	32	88	99	97	74	39	57	51	25	37	56	33	41
Barley															
Harvested.....	60	51	38	99	99	97	72	47	69	44	21	32	53	32	43
Alfalfa Hay															
2 nd Cutting Harvested .	96	60	66	100	100	100	99	96	99	88	91	83	94	93	90
3 rd Cutting Harvested..	NA	NA	NA	80	61	75	70	39	45	23	15	8	53	35	37

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

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, August 20, 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	90	48	68	3	3024	1688	1394	0.00	-0.93	0.00	3.22	11.43
Grangeville	86	46	65	-1	2699	1456	1140	0.40	0.13	0.57	12.86	13.97
Lewiston	100	57	75	1	3959	2431	2043	0.00	-0.17	0.18	6.90	6.28
Sand Point	84	40	--	--	2788	1504	1150	0.04	-0.28	0.04	10.88	12.78
Southwest												
Boise	94	52	74	1	4034	2570	1964	0.00	-0.07	0.02	7.43	5.26
Caldwell	91	46	69	-4	3881	2382	2215	0.00	-0.08	0.00	3.40	4.66
Emmett	92	49	70	-2	3681	2250	1923	0.01	-0.07	0.01	7.56	5.38
Mountain Home	99	52	74	1	4015	2617	1965	0.00	-0.05	0.00	6.55	3.98
Parma	--	--	--	--	3769	2322	1875	0.00	-0.09	0.00	4.84	4.75
Weiser	96	50	72	0	4070	2592	1965	0.02	-0.06	0.47	6.26	4.73
South-Central												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burley	90	44	67	-3	3127	1817	1618	0.16	0.06	0.18	5.92	4.77
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malta	91	37	66	-1	3156	1818	1405	0.00	-0.16	0.24	4.98	5.39
Twin Falls	91	46	68	1	3353	2025	1431	0.00	-0.09	0.00	6.48	4.92
East												
Aberdeen	89	38	--	--	2979	1722	1267	0.00	-0.12	0.00	5.63	4.53
Grace	--	--	--	--	2736	1535	1111	0.00	-0.28	0.00	6.71	8.15
Idaho Falls	89	37	65	-2	2797	1553	1318	0.08	-0.09	0.22	6.61	5.66
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	92	39	67	-2	3115	1834	1486	0.00	-0.16	0.12	5.57	6.04
Rexburg	88	38	65	-1	2807	1586	1217	0.03	-0.14	0.10	6.82	7.12
Salmon	90	43	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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.