



IDAHO CROP WEATHER

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Idaho Pea and Lentil Harvest Nearly Complete

Agricultural Summary

Northern Idaho received trace precipitation last week, but for the rest of Idaho, dry weather persisted during harvest. Reporting weather stations recorded 88 to 103 degree highs and 29 to 47 degree lows during the past week. Dry pea and lentil harvest is nearly complete. Idaho's irrigation water supply is in mostly good to excellent condition.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Major mosquito infestations continue in Canyon County, according to Extension Educators. Franklin County livestock are in good condition. Idaho's range is in mostly fair to good condition, according to state Extension Educators. Fourth cutting alfalfa is being swathed, with most harvested acreage in Southwest and South central Idaho.

Field Crop Report

Apple harvest is just beginning. Over half of Idaho's peach, prune and plum harvest is complete. Favorable weather advanced Idaho County harvest vigorously last week. Wheat and barley harvest are nearing completion in Franklin County. Power County growers began seeding their winter wheat fields, and desiccating and rolling potato acreage. Continued extremely dry conditions prevailed in Benewah County. Minidoka and Madison Counties received frost, affecting some potato vines in the latter county.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was 8 percent very short, 42 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Reports indicate 6.9 days were suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress

Percentages	2006	2005	Average
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	12	3	4
Oats Harvested for Grain	76	67	61
Potatoes – Vines Dying/ Killed	38	35	44
Onions Harvested	27	5	19
Dry Beans Harvested	33	10	21
Dry Peas Harvested	94	89	88
Lentils Harvested	93	88	89
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting Harvested	26	11	12

Crop Condition

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Potato	1	6	10	56	27
Irr. Water Supply	--	2	10	57	31
Range and Pasture	1	4	54	40	1

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															
Planted	1	1	--	--	6	3	5	7	3	5	7	3	3	4	2
Potatoes															
Harvested.....	NA	NA	NA	23	35	35	11	3	8	1	1	2	5	4	6
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	93	91	82	100	100	100	100	91	96	85	74	79	90	81	83
Barley															
Harvested.....	93	94	85	100	100	100	100	89	95	79	61	71	86	72	79
Alfalfa Hay															
3 rd Cutting Harvested..	NA	NA	NA	100	94	96	88	71	78	44	31	25	73	60	59

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

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, September 3, 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 September	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D' Alene	93	43	66	0	3413	1937	1593	0.09	-0.15	0.00	3.31	12.60
Grangeville	89	38	--	--	3047	1664	1318	0.06	-0.29	0.00	12.95	14.65
Lewiston	103	45	70	1	4415	2747	2329	0.00	-0.20	0.00	6.90	6.67
Sand Point	90	39	--	--	3121	1698	1311	0.03	-0.33	0.00	10.91	13.51
Southwest												
Boise	98	43	71	2	4485	2882	2241	0.00	-0.13	0.00	7.43	5.48
Caldwell	97	43	67	-2	4292	2653	2498	0.00	-0.11	0.00	3.45	4.86
Emmett	94	41	66	-2	4084	2513	2188	0.00	-0.12	0.00	7.56	5.60
Mountain Home	99	41	72	3	4439	2911	2245	0.00	-0.12	0.00	6.55	4.16
Parma	90	47	--	--	4166	2580	2126	0.00	-0.12	0.00	4.84	4.98
Weiser	95	45	70	3	4510	2891	2224	0.00	-0.12	0.00	6.26	4.94
South-Central												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burley	90	32	62	-3	3460	2010	1850	0.00	-0.14	0.00	5.92	5.02
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malta	93	30	61	-3	3514	2036	1614	0.00	-0.16	0.00	4.98	5.70
Twin Falls	91	35	64	0	3736	2267	1637	0.00	-0.13	0.00	6.48	5.16
East												
Aberdeen	90	40	--	--	3299	1903	1451	0.00	-0.17	0.00	5.67	4.84
Grace	--	--	--	--	3035	1696	1288	0.00	-0.33	0.00	7.32	8.80
Idaho Falls	89	31	60	-3	3108	1724	1508	0.00	-0.20	0.00	6.74	6.06
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	93	29	61	-4	3450	2029	1709	0.00	-0.20	0.00	5.67	6.43
Rexburg	88	33	59	-3	3123	1763	1401	0.00	-0.19	0.00	6.82	7.48
Salmon	91	34	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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.