



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER

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### Pleasant Fall for Idaho Agriculture

#### Agricultural Summary

Statewide, major agricultural activities included seeding winter wheat and harvesting potatoes, dry beans, alfalfa hay, apples, silage and grain corn. Reporting weather stations recorded above average temperatures last week. Mild temperatures ranged from 74 to 88 degree highs and 31 to 47 degree lows. A dry week allowed growers to make progress on fall harvest, tilling, and planting.

#### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattle are coming in from summer pastures. Fall feed is a little short in Caribou County, according to the County Extension Educator. Most of Idaho's range and pasture is in fair to good condition for remaining pastured cattle. Third cutting alfalfa hay harvest is almost complete statewide.

#### Field Crop Report

According to state Extension Educators, potato growers harvested in good weather last week in Caribou and Power Counties. In Franklin County, corn silage growers reported good yields to the Extension Educator. High moisture corn harvest is well underway in Power County. Winter wheat is being planted directly behind potato harvest in Power County. Caribou County growers seeded most of their winter wheat acreage. Statewide, half of Idaho's winter wheat acreage has been seeded this fall. Early digs for sugarbeets are beginning in Power County. Idaho apple harvest is about half complete.

#### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture improved from last week to 8 percent very short, 22 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Reports indicate a statewide average of 6.9 days were suitable for fieldwork last week.

| Crop Progress                                 |      |      |         |
|---|------|------|---------|
| Percentages                                   | 2006 | 2005 | Average |
| Field Corn Harvested for Grain                | 16   | --   | 3       |
| Field Corn Harvested for Silage               | 88   | 67   | 74      |
| Onions Harvested                              | 68   | 65   | 72      |
| Dry Beans Harvested                           | 92   | 78   | 88      |
| Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting Harvested | 83   | 69   | 65      |

| Crop Condition    |           |      |      |      |           |
|-------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Percentages       | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Potato            | --        | 2    | 9    | 67   | 22        |
| Irr. Water Supply | --        | 2    | 8    | 51   | 39        |
| Range and Pasture | 1         | 11   | 49   | 37   | 2         |

| 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 .....                       | 31    | 29   | 28  | 73        | 83   | 57  | 50            | 51   | 66  | 67   | 71   | 63  | 49    | 50   | 48  |
| Emerged .....                       | 2     | --   | 2   | 26        | 31   | 20  | 10            | 4    | 21  | 28   | 30   | 27  | 14    | 14   | 14  |
| Potatoes                            |       |      |     |           |      |     |               |      |     |      |      |     |       |      |     |
| Harvested.....                      | NA    | NA   | NA  | 88        | 94   | 84  | 41            | 34   | 45  | 29   | 30   | 30  | 36    | 35   | 38  |
| Sugarbeets                          |       |      |     |           |      |     |               |      |     |      |      |     |       |      |     |
| Harvested .....                     | NA    | NA   | NA  | --        | 1    | 2   | 17            | 12   | 12  | 10   | 11   | 10  | 12    | 9    | 10  |
| Alfalfa Hay                         |       |      |     |           |      |     |               |      |     |      |      |     |       |      |     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting Harvested.. | NA    | NA   | NA  | 100       | 100  | 100 | 100           | 100  | 100 | 89   | 98   | 84  | 95    | 99   | 92  |

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

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**Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 1, 2006 <sup>1/</sup>**

| Station              | Temperature 2/ |     |      |         | Growing Degree Days 4/ |          |        | Precipitation (Inches) |         |                  |         |        |
|----------------------|----------------|-----|------|---------|------------------------|----------|--------|------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|--------|
|                      | High           | Low | Ave. | Dept 3/ | 40° Base               | 50° Base |        | Total 5/               | Dept 3/ | Month of October | March 1 |        |
|                      |                |     |      |         |                        | To Date  | Normal |                        |         |                  | To Date | Normal |
| <b>North</b>         |                |     |      |         |                        |          |        |                        |         |                  |         |        |
| Coeur D' Alene       | 81             | 39  | 60   | 6       | 3988                   | 2237     | 1818   | 0                      | -0.35   | 0                | 3.59    | 13.56  |
| Grangeville          | 75             | 35  | 57   | 4       | 3504                   | 1874     | 1491   | 0                      | -0.40   | 0                | 15.01   | 16.18  |
| Lewiston             | 85             | 45  | 66   | 6       | 5096                   | 3148     | 2706   | 0                      | -0.19   | 0                | 7.35    | 7.42   |
| Sand Point           | 82             | 40  | --   | --      | 3606                   | 1913     | 1450   | 0                      | -0.36   | 0                | 11.44   | 15.01  |
| <b>Southwest</b>     |                |     |      |         |                        |          |        |                        |         |                  |         |        |
| Boise                | 84             | 47  | 65   | 6       | 5178                   | 3294     | 2591   | 0                      | -0.16   | 0                | 6.45    | 6.12   |
| Caldwell             | 82             | 39  | --   | --      | 4921                   | 3002     | 2850   | 0                      | -0.13   | 0                | 3.45    | 5.40   |
| Emmett               | 85             | 40  | 62   | 3       | 4738                   | 2884     | 2523   | 0                      | -0.16   | 0                | 7.86    | 6.22   |
| Mountain Home        | 88             | 37  | 63   | 5       | 5014                   | 3231     | 2584   | 0                      | -0.13   | 0                | 7.68    | 4.73   |
| Parma                | 88             | 40  | --   | --      | 4827                   | 2951     | 2427   | 0                      | -0.14   | 0                | 5.80    | 5.56   |
| Weiser               | 84             | 39  | --   | --      | 5206                   | 3302     | 2526   | 0                      | -0.12   | 0                | 6.61    | 5.42   |
| <b>South Central</b> |                |     |      |         |                        |          |        |                        |         |                  |         |        |
| Buhl                 | --             | --  | --   | --      | --                     | --       | --     | --                     | --      | --               | --      | --     |
| Burley               | 82             | 33  | 57   | 2       | 3934                   | 2225     | 2110   | 0                      | -0.13   | 0                | 6.04    | 5.59   |
| Hill City            | --             | --  | --   | --      | --                     | --       | --     | --                     | --      | --               | --      | --     |
| Hagerman             | --             | --  | --   | --      | --                     | --       | --     | --                     | --      | --               | --      | --     |
| Malta                | --             | --  | --   | --      | 4095                   | 2353     | 1846   | 0                      | -0.15   | 0                | 4.87    | 6.36   |
| Twin Falls           | 83             | 34  | 62   | 7       | 4291                   | 2567     | 1860   | 0                      | -0.15   | 0                | 6.65    | 5.75   |
| <b>East</b>          |                |     |      |         |                        |          |        |                        |         |                  |         |        |
| Aberdeen             | --             | --  | --   | --      | 3665                   | 2049     | 1607   | 0                      | -0.17   | 0                | 5.69    | 5.55   |
| Grace                | --             | --  | --   | --      | 3455                   | 1871     | 1442   | 0                      | -0.29   | 0                | 7.78    | 10.03  |
| Idaho Falls          | 75             | 31  | 53   | 1       | 3498                   | 1881     | 1676   | 0                      | -0.20   | 0                | 8.63    | 6.80   |
| Malad City           | --             | --  | --   | --      | --                     | --       | --     | --                     | --      | --               | --      | --     |
| Pocatello            | 81             | 31  | 56   | 2       | 3904                   | 2226     | 1942   | 0                      | -0.20   | 0                | 7.10    | 7.23   |
| Rexburg              | 74             | 32  | 53   | 1       | 3533                   | 1946     | 1562   | 0                      | -0.22   | 0                | 8.95    | 8.30   |
| Salmon               | 77             | 36  | --   | --      | --                     | --       | --     | --                     | --      | --               | --      | --     |

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.