



IDAHO CROP WEATHER

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Rain Slows Harvest

Agricultural Summary

Statewide, major agricultural activities included seeding winter wheat and harvesting potatoes, dry beans, alfalfa hay, apples, silage and grain corn. Due to rain, harvest was delayed briefly in many locations throughout the state. Temperatures ranged from 63 to 84 degree highs and 33 to 44 degree lows.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattle operations continue to bring livestock in from summer pastures. Fourth cutting alfalfa hay was dampened in windrows last week, according to the Twin Falls and Power County Extension Educators. For pastured cattle, fall forage greened in the rain, according to the Caribou County Extension Educator.

Field Crop Report

Rains delayed harvest briefly throughout Idaho last week, according to County Extension Educators. Caribou County potato growers are still getting the last of their potatoes in. In Jefferson County, farmers were able to work lighter soils, though potato harvest in heavy soils was limited. Late beans still in the field were dampened by last week's rain in Twin Falls County. Statewide, almost three quarters of Idaho's winter wheat acreage has been seeded. Apple and potato harvest is over half complete.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture improved from last week to 6 percent very short, 13 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Reports indicate a statewide average of 4.6 days were suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress			
Percentages	2006	2005	Average
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	24	3	9
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	92	86	89
Onions Harvested	77	78	87
Dry Beans Harvested	97	93	95
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting Harvested	88	82	78

Crop Condition					
Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Potato	--	2	8	69	21
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	7	62	31
Range and Pasture	1	7	52	36	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
Winter Wheat															
Planted	72	51	53	82	90	71	66	60	80	77	83	78	73	66	67
Emerged	18	2	5	51	47	35	20	9	37	44	48	41	30	22	24
Potatoes															
Harvested.....	NA	NA	NA	95	98	94	58	47	65	46	48	61	53	51	64
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	6	4	5	30	16	17	14	20	20	22	12	14

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

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 8, 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 October	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D' Alene	70	36	54	0	4086	2266	1843	0.01	-0.18	0.01	10.95	13.75
Grangeville	63	33	50	0	3558	1866	1495	0.30	-0.09	0.30	15.31	16.57
Lewiston	73	39	57	0	5212	3198	2754	0.04	-0.14	0.04	7.39	7.61
Sand Point	68	33	--	--	3704	1951	1450	0.00	-0.37	0.00	11.61	15.37
Southwest												
Boise	78	40	59	3	5310	3357	2636	0.06	-0.10	0.06	6.51	6.28
Caldwell	77	34	60	4	5061	3072	2894	0.00	-0.12	0.00	3.45	5.52
Emmett	76	38	59	3	4867	2944	2564	0.02	-0.13	0.02	7.88	6.37
Mountain Home	84	41	61	5	5137	3294	2622	0.28	0.15	0.28	7.96	4.85
Parma	72	41	--	--	4953	3007	2457	0.00	-0.13	0.00	5.80	5.68
Weiser	80	43	61	7	5336	3362	2555	0.05	-0.05	0.05	6.66	5.52
South Central												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burley	77	33	55	2	4040	2266	2133	0.62	0.49	0.62	6.66	5.71
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malta	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Twin Falls	79	33	57	4	4407	2618	1876	0.67	0.52	0.67	7.32	5.90
East												
Aberdeen	70	44	--	--	3718	2043	1608	0.09	-0.08	0.09	6.20	5.72
Grace	--	--	--	--	3598	1954	1442	0.00	-0.30	0.00	8.29	10.33
Idaho Falls	70	38	52	3	3584	1902	1677	0.98	0.77	0.98	9.61	7.01
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	74	33	54	2	4000	2260	1954	0.76	0.56	0.76	7.86	7.44
Rexburg	74	37	54	4	3628	1978	1562	1.36	1.13	1.36	10.31	8.53
Salmon	72	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.