



IDAHO CROP WEATHER

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Short October Days

Agricultural Summary

Statewide, winter wheat acreage is over eighty percent planted. Idaho growers are almost finished harvesting field corn for silage, onions, and hay. Temperatures ranged from 60 to 75 degree highs and 25 to 35 degree lows. Scattered locations throughout Idaho received precipitation last week.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

In Jerome County, some producers are harvesting 5th cutting alfalfa hay, according to Extension Educators. Livestock look good in Franklin County. Idaho's range and pasturelands are in mostly fair to good condition as cattle continue to come in from their summer ranges.

Field Crop Report

Southwest Idaho is nearly finished with potato harvest, while South Central and Eastern Idaho producers have harvested about three quarters of their potato acreage. Sugarbeet harvest is over a third complete statewide. Power County producers are preparing for the later sugarbeet dig. Franklin county producers harvested much of their acreage, with the exception of some corn for grain and safflower, according to State Extension Educators. Apple harvest is estimated to be about three-fourths complete.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture improved from last week to 6 percent very short, 13 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Reports indicate a statewide average of 6.2 days were suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress

Percentages	2006	2005	Average
	Field Corn Harvested for Grain	32	15
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	94	96	96
Onions Harvested	90	92	96
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting Harvested	92	90	88

Crop Condition

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Irr. Water Supply	--	1	11	48
Range and Pasture	2	9	46	39	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	86	73	81	90	95	83	74	68	87	85	91	87	84	80	84
Emerged	30	5	13	64	74	54	36	23	57	50	60	53	40	32	36
Potatoes															
Harvested.....	NA	NA	NA	97	99	98	74	65	83	71	67	84	74	69	84
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	11	8	12	42	23	27	28	30	36	33	21	26

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

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 15, 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	28	49	-2	4151	2281	1853	0.00	-0.08	0.01	10.95	13.83
Grangeville	63	26	45	-3	3595	1866	1495	0.16	-0.23	0.46	15.47	16.96
Lewiston	71	34	53	-1	5302	3218	2781	0.13	-0.07	0.17	7.52	7.81
Sand Point	67	25	45	-1	3761	1956	1450	0.01	-0.43	0.01	11.62	15.81
Southwest												
Boise	74	35	54	0	5408	3387	2663	0.35	0.19	0.41	6.86	6.44
Caldwell	72	32	52	-2	5142	3086	2921	0.01	-0.13	0.01	3.46	5.67
Emmett	71	33	52	-2	4949	2959	2589	0.00	-0.17	0.02	7.88	6.54
Mountain Home	73	32	51	-1	5220	3313	2640	0.22	0.07	0.50	8.18	5.00
Parma	75	32	54	2	5042	3031	2470	0.00	-0.14	0.00	5.80	5.82
Weiser	72	34	52	1	5424	3380	2567	0.00	-0.13	0.05	6.66	5.65
South Central												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burley	71	30	48	-3	4098	2270	2141	0.12	-0.02	0.74	6.78	5.85
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malta	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Twin Falls	73	33	50	0	4474	2626	1878	0.01	-0.15	0.68	7.33	6.06
East												
Aberdeen	60	25	--	--	3742	2043	1608	0.00	-0.18	0.09	6.20	5.90
Grace	--	--	--	--	3630	1954	1442	0.00	-0.30	0.00	8.29	10.63
Idaho Falls	65	27	46	-1	3624	1902	1677	0.00	-0.22	0.98	9.61	7.22
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	70	28	47	-3	4048	2260	1955	0.02	-0.20	0.78	7.88	7.66
Rexburg	65	30	45	-1	3666	1978	1562	0.31	0.07	1.67	10.62	8.77
Salmon	64	30	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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.