



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER

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## Snow Delays Sugarbeet Harvest in South Central Idaho

### Agricultural Summary

Cold weather accompanied by snow and rain was reported in South Central Idaho last week. Statewide, major agricultural activities include shipping calves, herding cattle in from summer rangelands, and harvesting sugarbeets and potatoes. Temperatures last week ranged from 54 to 66 degree highs and 19 to 30 degree lows.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattle continue to come off the range, and calves are being shipped from Caribou as well as Custer Counties, according to County Extension Educators. Wolves are an increasing problem for ranchers in Custer County. Franklin County livestock are in very good condition.

### Field Crop Report

Very little field work remains in Caribou County. Franklin County reports good soil moisture conditions for fall tillage operations. In Power and Minidoka Counties, snow slowed the sugarbeet harvest midweek. Statewide, potato harvest is nearing completion.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture improved from last week to 0 percent very short, 13 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Reports indicate a statewide average of 5.7 days were suitable for fieldwork last week.

<b>Crop Progress</b>			
<i>Percentages</i>	2006	2005	Average
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	64	45	45

<b>Crop Condition</b>					
<i>Percentages</i>	<i>Very Poor</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
Winter Wheat	--	--	3	84	13
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	7	48	45
Range and Pasture	1	9	50	33	7

<b>Crop Progress by District</b>															
Crop	North			Southwest			South Central			East			State		
	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Emerged .....	68	42	41	87	91	78	74	51	83	80	82	77	74	60	62
Potatoes															
Harvested.....	NA	NA	NA	100	100	100	96	97	98	97	97	99	97	97	99
Sugarbeets															
Harvested .....	NA	NA	NA	34	35	52	85	69	72	85	81	85	75	65	70

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

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**Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 29, 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	59	28	44	-1	4228	2281	1853	0.00	-0.27	0.53	11.47	14.27
Grangeville	63	27	--	--	3652	1866	1495	0.00	-0.39	0.98	15.99	17.76
Lewiston	61	30	46	-2	5430	3235	2787	0.00	-0.24	0.42	7.77	8.27
Sand Point	58	25	--	--	3800	1956	1450	0.00	-0.77	0.94	12.55	17.17
<b>Southwest</b>												
Boise	64	29	48	0	5522	3390	2668	0.00	-0.21	0.42	6.87	6.84
Caldwell	63	25	45	-3	5222	3091	2926	0.00	-0.21	0.56	4.01	6.06
Emmett	64	27	45	-3	5033	2962	2593	0.00	-0.25	0.40	8.26	7.00
Mountain Home	66	28	47	0	5272	3277	2642	0.00	-0.21	0.50	7.89	5.39
Parma	64	24	--	--	5118	3045	2470	0.00	-0.18	0.28	6.62	6.16
Weiser	62	28	--	--	5506	3376	2567	0.00	-0.19	0.05	6.80	5.99
<b>South Central</b>												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burley	66	25	44	-2	4145	2270	2141	0.09	-0.06	0.99	7.03	6.16
Hill City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malta	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Twin Falls	65	25	44	0	4546	2635	1878	0.13	-0.04	1.04	7.73	6.41
<b>East</b>												
Aberdeen	62	20	36	-5	3767	2043	1608	0.03	-0.13	0.26	6.37	6.25
Grace	--	--	--	--	3649	1954	1442	0.00	-0.29	0.00	8.29	11.21
Idaho Falls	61	19	38	-3	3641	1902	1677	0.07	-0.12	1.63	10.26	7.61
Malad City	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Pocatello	64	22	40	-4	4084	2260	1955	0.26	0.05	1.31	8.41	8.07
Rexburg	59	19	38	-3	3690	1978	1562	0.00	-0.24	2.43	11.38	9.24
Salmon	54	21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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.