



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Weather Remains Hot

Agricultural Summary

The average temperatures in the state ranged from 94 to 109 degree highs and 42 to 60 degree lows. The week was again hot and dry with practically no precipitation. Major farm activities for the week included spraying insects, weed control, cutting hay, harvesting cherries, cultivating, and irrigating.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture sharply declined from last week to 23% very short, 42% short, 35% adequate, and 0% surplus. Idaho farmers had an average of 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

The hot temperature coupled with little rain is straining most dryland crops. Caribou County Extension Educator reports dry hot weather has really hurt crops the past couple of weeks and irrigation water is starting to be in short supply. In Eastern Idaho, the dryland winter wheat is turning color rapidly. Nez Perce County Extension Educator reports that crops are looking good, although the dry conditions are adversely affecting yields in the lower regions.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Rangelands and pastures are under drought stress. First cutting alfalfa is at 97% complete and 26% complete for the second cutting.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2007	2006	Average
Potatoes 12" High	96	88	84
Potatoes Closing Middles	57	55	48
Mint 1 st Cutting Harvested	5	15	4
Cherries Harvested	53	58	77

Grain Growth Stage

	Jointed	Booted	Headed	Turning Color
Winter Wheat	--	--	--	57
Spring Wheat	--	98	88	15
Barley	100	95	82	14

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	1	16	73	10
Spring Wheat	--	1	19	76	4
Barley	2	6	24	65	3
Potato	--	--	14	76	10
Irr. Water Supply	5	18	48	29	0
Range & Pasture	2	16	52	29	1

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2007	2006	Avg	2007	2006	Avg	2007	2006	Avg	2007	2006	Avg	2007	2006	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Headed.....	78	65	64	100	100	100	94	90	94	90	53	56	88	63	65
Barley															
Headed.....	74	55	64	100	74	94	98	79	89	76	45	50	82	55	62
Alfalfa Hay															
1 st cutting Harvested	86	65	81	100	100	100	100	99	98	95	90	88	97	93	93
2 nd cutting	3	2	1	58	58	50	34	46	36	11	6	4	26	28	22

Avg (2002 - 2006); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, July 8, 2007 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Av g	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	97	56	74	7	0.00	-0.26	4.94	-2.11	1471	170	47
Grangeville	94	49	72	8	0.00	-0.37	9.64	-1.97	1623	154	55
Lewiston	108	60	81	9	0.00	-0.18	2.92	-2.07	2534	218	61
Porthill	97	51	73	9	0.00	-0.29	6.60	-0.14	1634	163	60
Winchester	94	45	68	9	0.00	-0.37	7.38	-3.63	1345	126	60
Southwest											
Boise	103	55	77	6	0.00	-0.10	2.75	-1.79	2413	194	37
Emmett	102	58	80	9	0.00	-0.10	2.73	-1.82	2315	208	57
Glenns Ferry	109	54	80	9	0.00	-0.08	2.79	-0.69	2394	212	62
Grandview	107	51	79	6	0.00	-0.09	1.69	-1.27	2419	204	39
Nampa	96	59	78	7	0.00	-0.09	1.86	-2.00	2413	195	45
Parma	103	59	80	9	0.00	-0.09	2.26	-1.89	2478	207	59
South Central											
Fairfield	98	42	69	6	0.02	-0.15	1.38	-3.42	1342	136	38
Malta	103	44	71	5	0.00	-0.21	3.92	-0.95	1655	150	27
Picabo	101	44	74	9	0.00	-0.14	1.65	-2.97	1714	167	63
Rupert	98	50	72	4	0.00	-0.14	2.23	-1.66	1856	152	22
Twin Falls	100	52	75	8	0.00	-0.07	2.22	-1.79	2043	174	52
East											
Aberdeen	97	48	72	6	0.00	-0.14	2.99	-0.93	1784	153	38
Ashton	94	44	70	8	0.00	-0.28	3.23	-4.43	1461	139	49
Fort Hall	100	46	71	4	0.00	-0.21	3.16	-1.89	1683	151	26
Idaho Falls	96	47	72	5	0.00	-0.16	1.38	-3.26	1707	154	34
Lava Hot Springs	99	47	74	6	0.00	-0.21	3.09	-1.96	1743	168	43
Monteview	96	44	71	5	0.00	-0.21	1.41	-2.83	1554	149	33
Preston	97	52	75	8	0.00	-0.28	4.37	-1.51	1893	175	47
Rexburg	97	44	71	8	0.00	-0.26	2.65	-3.01	1587	146	51

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.