



# Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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## Lightning Storms Ignite Wildfires

### Agricultural Summary

Several lightning storms moved through Idaho recently, starting numerous fires on rangeland and forests. Precipitation during the past week was light and scattered throughout the state. Average weekly temperatures throughout Idaho were above normal for the third consecutive week. Major farm activities for the week included irrigating, cutting hay, and harvesting winter wheat.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture dropped sharply to 35% very short, 38% short, 27% adequate, and 0% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

### Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2007	2006	Average
Winter Wheat Turning Color	95	89	83
Spring Wheat Turning Color	77	45	40
Barley Turning Color	85	31	43
Dry Peas Harvested	4	9	5
Potatoes Closing Middles	98	90	86
Mint 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting Harvested	14	23	20
Cherries Harvested	99	97	99

### Field Crop Report

Dryland spring grains in Eastern Idaho are severely drought stressed. Any recent rainfall in Eastern Idaho has not been enough to alleviate dry conditions. Irrigation water supplies are getting low, and cutbacks have been implemented in Franklin County. The Bonneville County Extension Educator reports that verticillium wilt is starting to show up in potato fields. In Eastern Idaho, the second cutting of alfalfa is reported to be good in quality.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Several large range fires in Southern Idaho have affected grazing resources not only for this year, but for several years to come. Reports indicate that range and pasture condition has deteriorated significantly due to the hot, dry weather. Grasshoppers have been reported to be a problem in Oneida County.

### Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	3	22	67	8
Spring Wheat	--	2	28	67	3
Barley	3	5	26	60	6
Potato	--	--	19	71	10
Irr. Water Supply	7	24	39	30	--
Range & Pasture	4	36	44	16	--

### 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
Winter Wheat Harvested .....	4	3	4	11	20	18	21	9	7	4	3	2	7	5	5
Spring Wheat Harvested .....	--	--	--	2	2	2	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Barley Harvested .....	--	--	--	10	28	8	6	3	2	--	--	--	2	1	1
Alfalfa Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting Harvested	11	20	9	88	80	83	74	74	78	53	28	20	63	51	49
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting Harvested	NA	NA	NA	7	7	5	4	12	3	--	--	--	3	6	2

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

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### Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, July 22, 2007 <sup>1/</sup>

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
<b>North</b>											
Coeur D' Alene	92	55	73	4	0.28	0.13	5.22	-2.19	1,960	1,054	43
Grangeville	90	52	72	7	0.03	-0.18	9.67	-2.41	2,089	1,036	317
Lewiston	97	60	79	5	0.04	-0.10	2.96	-2.31	3,113	1,792	389
Porthill	99	53	73	7	0.57	0.36	7.17	-0.03	2,128	1,067	236
Winchester	89	46	69	8	0.01	-0.30	7.39	-4.28	1,765	811	366
<b>Southwest</b>											
Boise	101	54	78	5	0.02	-0.05	2.77	-1.91	2,965	1,682	326
Emmett	100	56	79	6	0.00	-0.01	2.73	-1.90	2,883	1,671	333
Glenns Ferry	104	55	80	7	0.34	0.30	3.13	-0.46	2,981	1,738	404
Grandview	106	53	79	4	0.00	-0.03	1.69	-1.37	2,988	1,713	168
Nampa	96	56	77	4	0.00	-0.02	1.86	-2.09	2,954	1,681	263
Parma	101	55	78	6	0.01	-0.02	2.27	-1.98	3,038	1,746	427
<b>South Central</b>											
Fairfield	93	46	69	3	0.05	-0.09	1.44	-3.64	1,770	845	165
Malta	98	45	74	5	0.08	-0.09	4.00	-1.25	2,141	1,078	93
Picabo	98	50	74	7	0.10	0.03	1.75	-3.03	2,204	1,160	420
Rupert	97	50	74	4	0.10	0.03	2.33	-1.71	2,342	1,220	196
Twin Falls	99	54	76	7	0.15	0.10	2.37	-1.76	2,558	1,384	394
<b>East</b>											
Aberdeen	96	49	73	5	0.11	0.02	3.10	-1.05	2,250	1,177	319
Ashton	93	48	70	6	0.06	-0.15	3.29	-4.80	1,902	957	322
Fort Hall	100	49	75	5	0.00	-0.14	3.16	-2.18	2,169	1,118	140
Idaho Falls	97	47	73	4	0.00	-0.14	1.38	-3.54	2,170	1,119	218
Lava Hot Springs	99	52	75	6	0.03	-0.11	3.12	-2.22	2,230	1,202	224
Monteview	93	47	69	1	0.00	-0.20	1.48	-3.17	1,985	983	110
Preston	96	57	77	7	0.04	-0.24	4.41	-2.03	2,418	1,326	315
Rexburg	97	47	72	7	0.01	-0.19	2.69	-3.38	2,040	1,010	325

<sup>1/</sup> 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](http://www.awis.com) or call 1-888-798-9955.