



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Above Normal Temperatures Continue

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from 2 to 7 degrees above normal for the week. Eastern Idaho received some precipitation, while very little precipitation fell in Northern Idaho. Major agricultural activities involved harvesting hay, winter wheat, spring wheat, barley, dry peas, and lentils. Producers were also irrigating, cultivating, and spraying fungicides and insecticides.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture continues to be low at 28% very short, 44% short, 28% adequate, and 0% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

The Benewah County Extension Educator reported very dry conditions with above normal temperatures for several weeks. In Nez Perce County, the recent harvest of field crops is indicating an overall yield loss, due to the hot and dry weather. Caribou County reported rain stopped the 2nd cutting of alfalfa harvest, causing some damage. In Power County, the rain stopped the grain harvest but provided some much needed moisture and lessened the fire danger.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

After five consecutive weeks of above normal temperatures and minimal precipitation, the range and pasture condition continues to decline. The second cutting of alfalfa is at 84% harvested.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2007	2006	Average
Spring Wheat Turning Color	94	80	85
Barley Turning Color	97	82	84
Oats Harvested for Grain	34	16	10
Dry Peas Harvested	40	31	22
Potatoes Vines Dying/Killed	8	3	2
Lentils Harvested	15	11	12
Mint 1 st Cutting Harvested	52	44	42

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	4	25	63	8
Spring Wheat	--	6	27	64	3
Barley	3	6	28	60	3
Potato	--	--	17	78	5
Irr. Water Supply	18	23	44	15	--
Range & Pasture	7	43	43	7	--

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.....	43	30	22	95	62	64	65	58	50	41	37	26	49	39	31
Spring Wheat Harvested.....	7	6	5	55	36	41	30	10	14	8	2	4	12	7	6
Barley Harvested.....	7	12	6	73	74	56	28	17	23	10	4	3	15	9	10
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd cutting Harvested	60	65	38	100	100	96	93	96	92	74	60	51	84	78	71
3 rd cutting Harvested	NA	NA	NA	35	35	33	34	47	20	3	10	3	21	28	16

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

Find agricultural statistics for your county, State, and the Nation at www.nass.usda.gov.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, August 5, 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	95	49	72	2	0.00	-0.23	5.63	-3.48	2669	1469	166
Grangeville	89	51	69	2	0.00	-0.21	9.87	-2.63	2533	1340	383
Lewiston	102	58	78	3	0.00	-0.14	2.96	-2.59	3683	2222	464
Porthill	95	50	72	5	0.00	-0.22	7.29	-0.34	2597	1396	327
Winchester	91	44	65	3	0.00	-0.28	7.39	-4.84	2156	1062	439
Southwest											
Boise	98	54	76	2	0.00	-0.07	2.77	-2.05	3496	2073	367
Emmett	98	52	77	4	0.00	-0.07	2.73	-1.98	3431	2079	413
Glenns Ferry	101	55	77	4	0.01	-0.06	3.14	-0.55	3537	2154	487
Grandview	98	55	76	2	0.00	-0.01	1.69	-1.38	3519	2104	206
Nampa	93	60	77	5	0.03	-0.04	1.89	-2.18	3491	2078	331
Parma	101	56	77	4	0.00	-0.07	2.27	-2.11	3573	2141	497
South Central											
Fairfield	93	44	68	2	0.03	-0.11	1.47	-3.89	2191	1126	213
Malta	101	52	74	5	0.24	+0.03	4.51	-1.14	2621	1418	146
Picabo	97	53	73	6	0.01	-0.06	1.79	-3.13	2689	1505	516
Rupert	93	54	73	3	0.00	-0.07	2.53	-1.65	2821	1559	242
Twin Falls	95	56	75	6	0.01	-0.06	2.38	-1.88	3061	1747	483
East											
Aberdeen	98	52	72	5	0.16	+0.04	3.72	-0.63	2715	1502	387
Ashton	93	49	69	5	0.08	-0.13	3.48	-5.03	2327	1242	399
Fort Hall	101	51	73	4	0.12	-0.02	3.47	-2.15	2646	1455	199
Idaho Falls	98	51	73	5	0.01	-0.13	1.53	-3.64	2635	1444	271
Lava Hot Springs	97	55	73	4	0.37	+0.23	3.88	-1.74	2707	1539	283
Monteview	93	50	70	3	0.19	+0.05	1.75	-3.18	2422	1280	153
Preston	97	58	76	6	0.06	-0.15	4.75	-2.11	2924	1692	387
Rexburg	98	49	71	7	0.07	-0.07	2.83	-3.52	2490	1320	418

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.