



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Cold Weather Delays Planting

Agricultural Summary

Farming has begun in some lower elevation areas of Idaho, but many fields in Eastern Idaho and Northern Idaho remain snow covered. Because of the low elevation snowpack, flooding and muddy conditions are a concern, especially in the unregulated drainages such as the Weiser River. Temperatures across the state ranged from five to seventeen degrees below normal for the week. Major agricultural activities included feeding livestock, spring tillage, and planting small grains, onions, and sugar beets.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is at 0% very short, 3% short, 88% adequate, and 9% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 2.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2008	2007	Avg.
Onions Planted	53	89	63
Onions Emerged	11	12	11
Oats Planted	21	30	25
Oats Emerged	3	4	4
Dry Peas Planted	4	17	17

Field Crop Report

Many counties are reporting that fields are still covered by snow. Statewide, winter wheat remains mostly in good to excellent condition. Many crops are behind last years schedule due to the current weather conditions. The Jefferson County extension educator reported no field work done due to late winter like conditions. Planting of early variety Norkotah potatoes has begun in Southwest Idaho.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Lingering winter conditions have delayed grass growth, creating a financial strain for livestock producers needing to buy hay. Hay and roughage supplies were reported to be 20% very short, 43% short, 37% adequate, and 0% surplus. Spring calving in Idaho was 86% complete, while lambing was 82% complete.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	--	--	10	78	12
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	36	60	4

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted	2	39	31	87	88	69	58	77	59	15	29	20	19	40	30
Emerged	--	6	3	26	31	18	--	15	10	--	2	3	1	6	4
Barley															
Planted	1	35	21	70	89	66	19	76	59	18	29	9	17	42	24
Emerged	--	4	3	17	33	22	--	9	12	--	--	1	1	3	4
Potatoes															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	10	11	8	7	6	2	--	--	--	2	2	1
Sugarbeets															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	36	94	66	12	57	34	--	14	23	14	55	37
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	12	14	16	--	11	3	--	--	--	2	9	5

Avg (2003 - 2007); 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, April 6, 2008 ^{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	52	26	36	-8	0.19	-0.23	2.40	-0.23	7	0	-9
Grangeville	55	23	36	-6	0.43	-0.16	2.87	-0.07	12	0	-4
Lewiston	60	26	42	-7	0.01	-0.20	0.72	-0.55	154	6	-24
Porthill	56	19	36	-7	0.10	-0.20	1.08	-0.66	5	0	0
Winchester	47	12	31	-8	0.38	-0.25	2.60	-0.42	1	0	0
Southwest											
Boise	59	25	42	-5	0.03	-0.29	1.38	-0.19	87	0	-31
Emmett	57	23	39	-8	0.02	-0.26	1.28	-0.24	47	0	-31
Glenns Ferry	60	19	39	-8	0.01	-0.20	1.08	-0.03	57	0	-42
Grandview	61	14	39	-10	0.00	-0.18	0.49	-0.36	71	0	-44
Nampa	59	21	41	-8	0.03	-0.22	0.99	-0.28	79	0	-42
Parma	61	21	41	-7	0.01	-0.24	0.84	-0.54	90	0	-30
South Central											
Fairfield	42	-10	21	-17	0.01	-0.23	0.75	-0.71	0	0	0
Malta	61	10	33	-11	0.02	-0.19	0.59	-0.40	20	0	-31
Picabo	47	10	29	-9	0.01	-0.20	0.62	-0.73	0	0	0
Rupert	61	15	35	-8	0.06	-0.11	0.55	-0.44	19	0	-20
Twin Falls	61	17	37	-7	0.00	-0.22	0.76	-0.49	30	0	-24
East											
Aberdeen	58	17	35	-6	0.00	-0.14	0.26	-0.58	5	0	-21
Ashton	46	3	24	-12	0.00	-0.33	1.29	-0.55	0	0	0
Fort Hall	57	18	34	-8	0.00	-0.22	0.64	-0.65	5	0	-25
Idaho Falls	54	21	34	-7	0.00	-0.21	0.54	-0.46	4	0	-20
Lava Hot Springs	54	8	31	-11	0.24	0.02	1.29	0.00	5	0	-25
Monteview	43	9	28	-12	0.03	-0.11	0.17	-0.62	0	0	-14
Preston	53	16	34	-9	0.02	-0.25	0.56	-0.82	16	0	-23
Rexburg	46	7	26	-11	0.03	-0.19	0.90	-0.27	0	0	-7

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.

