



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Calving & Lambing Season Nears Completion

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from six to thirteen degrees below normal for the week ending April 27. All four Idaho districts had precipitation, with the Grangeville station recording 0.89 inches. Major agricultural activities included planting small grains, sugar beets, dry peas, and potatoes. Other activities included machine maintenance, preparing irrigation equipment, and feeding livestock.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is at 8% very short, 14% short, 71% adequate, and 7% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

| Percentages | 2008 | 2007 | Avg. |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|
| Onions Emerged | 51 | 72 | 72 |
| Oats Planted | 50 | 65 | 52 |
| Oats Emerged | 34 | 38 | 29 |
| Field Corn Planted | 9 | 32 | 15 |
| Lentils Planted | 3 | 29 | 33 |
| Lentils Emerged | -- | 5 | 4 |
| Winter Wheat Jointed | 3 | 32 | 23 |
| Winter Wheat Boot Stage | -- | 5 | 1 |
| Dry Peas Planted | 12 | 51 | 49 |
| Dry Peas Emerged | 3 | 13 | 22 |

Field Crop Report

Spring wheat and barley plantings are essentially complete in Southwest and South Central Idaho, while North and East Idaho are well behind average. Some counties in Northern and Eastern Idaho are still reporting that snow and rain are delaying spring work. Caribou County extension educator reported that pastures are getting behind and there is no opportunity to do any field work. Washington County reported that fruit orchards suffered damage from low temperatures, but the damage is not quantified at this time.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Hay and roughage supplies declined to 31% very short, 47% short, 22% adequate, and 0% surplus. Spring lambing in Idaho was 96% complete, while spring calving was nearly complete.

Condition Table

| Percentages | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Range & Pasture | 6 | 8 | 50 | 34 | 2 |
| Winter Wheat | -- | 1 | 14 | 78 | 7 |
| Irr. Water Supply | -- | 5 | 17 | 74 | 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 | 39 | 69 | 60 | 100 | 97 | 95 | 100 | 99 | 97 | 51 | 72 | 63 | 55 | 76 | 68 |
| Emerged | 6 | 27 | 22 | 100 | 79 | 79 | 78 | 74 | 72 | 5 | 52 | 32 | 16 | 50 | 37 |
| Barley | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Planted | 38 | 65 | 54 | 100 | 99 | 92 | 94 | 100 | 93 | 28 | 59 | 40 | 47 | 70 | 55 |
| Emerged | 5 | 26 | 20 | 100 | 95 | 78 | 61 | 71 | 62 | 1 | 45 | 12 | 18 | 50 | 26 |
| Potatoes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Planted | NA | NA | NA | 74 | 46 | 62 | 59 | 64 | 43 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 26 | 26 | 21 |
| Sugarbeets | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Planted | NA | NA | NA | 95 | 99 | 95 | 94 | 98 | 90 | 82 | 94 | 93 | 92 | 97 | 92 |
| Emerged | NA | NA | NA | 51 | 23 | 57 | 11 | 62 | 37 | -- | 34 | 32 | 16 | 50 | 39 |

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 27, 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 | 59 | 28 | 40 | -10 | 0.09 | -0.31 | 3.09 | -0.71 | 64 | 7 | -31 |
| Grangeville | 68 | 21 | 41 | -6 | 0.89 | 0.26 | 5.53 | 0.75 | 73 | 6 | -19 |
| Lewiston | 66 | 31 | 47 | -7 | 0.03 | -0.25 | 0.92 | -1.19 | 329 | 46 | -60 |
| Porthill | 61 | 20 | 38 | -11 | 0.28 | -0.07 | 1.64 | -1.08 | 59 | 6 | -13 |
| Winchester | 64 | 21 | 37 | -7 | 0.47 | -0.20 | 3.87 | -1.08 | 35 | 2 | 2 |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Boise | 73 | 27 | 46 | -6 | 0.23 | -0.05 | 1.90 | -0.51 | 220 | 27 | -69 |
| Emmett | 64 | 23 | 43 | -10 | 0.24 | 0.01 | 1.71 | -0.60 | 153 | 18 | -82 |
| Glenns Ferry | 72 | 17 | 44 | -9 | 0.02 | -0.15 | 1.26 | -0.34 | 165 | 20 | -94 |
| Grandview | 74 | 20 | 45 | -10 | 0.00 | -0.14 | 0.58 | -0.69 | 196 | 23 | -115 |
| Nampa | 72 | 24 | 46 | -8 | 0.01 | -0.20 | 1.15 | -0.75 | 214 | 28 | -104 |
| Parma | 73 | 22 | 46 | -7 | 0.04 | -0.17 | 0.92 | -1.09 | 236 | 23 | -77 |
| South Central | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fairfield | 61 | 12 | 34 | -11 | 0.14 | -0.14 | 1.04 | -1.20 | 3 | 0 | -13 |
| Malta | 67 | 10 | 40 | -9 | 0.03 | -0.25 | 0.81 | -0.88 | 85 | 10 | -64 |
| Picabo | 63 | 19 | 39 | -6 | 0.16 | -0.05 | 0.91 | -1.07 | 35 | 1 | -19 |
| Rupert | 70 | 16 | 41 | -8 | 0.03 | -0.18 | 0.60 | -0.98 | 89 | 14 | -44 |
| Twin Falls | 71 | 15 | 41 | -8 | 0.25 | 0.04 | 1.11 | -0.77 | 112 | 16 | -49 |
| East | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aberdeen | 65 | 16 | 40 | -7 | 0.02 | -0.19 | 0.42 | -1.05 | 62 | 5 | -38 |
| Ashton | 49 | 13 | 32 | -12 | 0.07 | -0.32 | 1.47 | -1.46 | 6 | 0 | -14 |
| Fort Hall | 66 | 15 | 40 | -8 | 0.06 | -0.22 | 0.74 | -1.33 | 70 | 5 | -51 |
| Idaho Falls | 59 | 19 | 39 | -8 | 0.07 | -0.21 | 0.71 | -1.01 | 68 | 7 | -36 |
| Lava Hot Springs | 59 | 17 | 35 | -13 | 0.35 | 0.07 | 1.87 | -0.20 | 45 | 4 | -52 |
| Monteview | 63 | 11 | 37 | -10 | 0.01 | -0.20 | 0.21 | -1.16 | 35 | 1 | -34 |
| Preston | 62 | 17 | 41 | -8 | 0.24 | -0.05 | 1.24 | -0.99 | 86 | 7 | -56 |
| Rexburg | 62 | 17 | 38 | -7 | 0.06 | -0.22 | 0.99 | -1.02 | 30 | 0 | -25 |

^{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.

