



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Above Normal Temperatures Return

Agricultural Summary

All but one weather station reported above normal average temperatures during the past week. Temperatures across the state ranged from normal to 8 degrees above normal for the week ending August 10. Many stations received scattered rain showers last week. Malta had the greatest weekly accumulation with 0.68 inches. Major farm activities for the week included harvesting grain, cutting hay, and irrigating.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture improved slightly from the previous week to 12% very short, 50% short, 38% adequate, and 0% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2008	2007	Avg.
Potatoes Vines Dying/ Killed	2	13	8
Mint 1 st Cutting Harvested	50	68	62
Lentils Harvested	10	26	26
Dry Peas Harvested	31	44	37
Dry Beans Harvested	4	3	1
Oats for Grain Harvested	14	48	25
Spring Wheat Turning Color	83	97	93
Barley Turning Color	86	99	94

Field Crop Report

Yields for crops in some areas of North Idaho are expected to be down significantly because of the dry summer. Damage from a freeze on July 10 is also evident in North Idaho as harvest progresses. Despite the lack of rainfall this summer, irrigation supplies are holding well in most areas of Southern Idaho. In Power County, dryland wheat harvest is in full swing, and irrigated wheat harvest has begun. Verticillium wilt is beginning to show up in potato fields in Bonneville County.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Statewide, the second cutting of alfalfa hay is at 75% harvested and third cutting is at 17% harvested. No major problems have been reported for livestock, although lightning sparked small fires in summer grazing areas late last week. Ranchers have sprayed for grasshoppers and Mormon crickets in Elmore County.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	3	17	42	35	3
Barley	1	5	20	71	3
Spring Wheat	1	3	24	68	4
Potato	0	1	14	79	6
Winter Wheat	0	1	18	73	8
Irr. Water Supply	0	3	23	67	7

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
Winter Wheat Harvested.....	21	70	49	90	99	86	36	76	71	12	64	48	26	70	55
Spring Wheat Harvested.....	4	16	12	65	75	65	7	34	33	1	24	12	4	26	17
Barley Harvested.....	6	29	18	84	89	80	21	51	41	1	22	12	8	31	21
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd Cutting.....	72	84	60	99	100	98	97	98	95	55	81	67	75	90	81
3 rd Cutting.....	NA	NA	NA	40	39	50	19	40	36	--	9	6	17	30	27

Avg (2003 - 2007); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, August 10, 2008 ^{1/}

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
North											
Coeur D' Alene	94	53	72	2	0.28	0.00	7.12	-2.15	2329	1281	-148
Grangeville	97	48	74	8	0.09	-0.16	12.48	0.04	2263	1242	183
Lewiston	102	57	80	6	0.04	-0.10	3.16	-2.48	3324	2000	92
Porthill	96	38	68	3	0.10	-0.18	6.81	-1.01	2240	1185	19
Winchester	94	42	67	4	0.09	-0.19	9.42	-2.98	1761	832	131
Southwest											
Boise	99	52	76	3	0.00	-0.07	3.46	-1.38	2986	1757	-92
Emmett	99	56	79	7	0.10	0.03	3.80	-0.92	2957	1795	-6
Glenns Ferry	103	53	78	6	0.43	0.36	3.78	0.07	2990	1816	12
Grandview	103	52	78	4	0.35	0.28	2.99	-0.12	3037	1841	-201
Nampa	97	56	76	4	0.04	-0.03	2.99	-1.11	3038	1818	-66
Parma	98	56	77	5	0.07	-0.06	1.90	-2.57	3163	1912	133
South Central											
Fairfield	92	38	66	0	0.06	-0.08	2.36	-3.07	1732	817	-189
Malta	95	44	72	3	0.68	0.47	3.26	-2.55	2340	1293	-98
Picabo	95	48	72	6	0.00	-0.10	2.03	-2.94	2239	1246	156
Rupert	94	49	72	3	0.00	-0.07	1.98	-2.24	2384	1326	-111
Twin Falls	94	51	74	5	0.00	-0.07	2.91	-1.38	2577	1479	103
East											
Aberdeen	92	45	71	5	0.01	-0.13	1.60	-2.84	2309	1279	60
Ashton	89	43	67	4	0.05	-0.16	5.28	-3.35	1821	899	-28
Fort Hall	95	44	71	2	0.00	-0.16	2.72	-3.01	2280	1244	-125
Idaho Falls	93	46	72	4	0.51	0.37	3.06	-2.20	2342	1302	19
Lava Hot Springs	90	46	70	2	0.62	0.46	5.78	0.05	2177	1195	-174
Monteview	89	44	69	2	0.35	0.16	1.73	-3.35	2049	1050	-179
Preston	92	53	74	4	0.36	0.15	5.32	-1.69	2520	1459	34
Rexburg	93	42	69	5	0.41	0.27	2.95	-3.49	1950	971	-19

^{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.