



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Dry Conditions Advance Harvest

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from five degrees below normal to seven degrees above normal for the week ending August 17. Very little precipitation occurred throughout the state. Major farm activities for the week included weed and pest control, harvesting grain, cutting hay, and irrigating.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture declined slightly from the previous week to 21% very short, 50% short, 29% adequate, and 0% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2008	2007	Avg.
Potatoes Vines Dying/ Killed	5	26	19
Peaches Harvested	20	48	33
Mint 1 st Cutting Harvested	62	84	73
Lentils Harvested	25	37	50
Dry Peas Harvested	41	56	57
Dry Beans Harvested	17	13	5
Oats for Grain Harvested	25	60	41
Spring Wheat Turning Color	95	99	99
Barley Turning Color	95	100	99

Field Crop Report

Potato harvest has begun in Norkotah fields, but total harvest is still below one percent statewide. The dry bean harvest is at 17 percent, mainly chick peas in North Idaho. Spring wheat and barley have essentially turned color with both at 95 percent respectively. The Nez Perce extension educator reported that moisture in the soil profile continues to deteriorate due to a lack of rainfall as spring crops hasten toward maturity. The Power County extension educator reported that their winter wheat harvest is wrapping up.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Statewide, the second cutting of alfalfa hay is at 82% harvested and third cutting is at 31% harvested. No major livestock problems were reported as sheep and cattle graze summer pastures and ranges.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	3	18	39	37	3
Barley	1	5	21	70	3
Spring Wheat	1	4	25	66	4
Potato	--	1	14	79	6
Winter Wheat	--	3	18	70	9
Irr. Water Supply	--	6	28	59	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.....	61	87	75	93	100	98	87	87	84	40	86	71	60	88	77
Spring Wheat Harvested.....	15	42	32	84	89	88	78	61	55	5	52	34	18	52	38
Barley Harvested.....	22	59	40	94	97	95	61	74	64	4	43	29	22	53	40
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd Cutting.....	73	97	75	100	100	99	99	100	98	68	89	81	82	95	89
3 rd Cutting.....	NA	NA	NA	54	52	68	49	64	51	2	20	12	31	43	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, August 17, 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	95	50	71	1	0.00	-0.28	7.12	-2.43	2543	1425	-145
Grangeville	98	48	73	7	0.00	-0.28	12.48	-0.24	2496	1405	233
Lewiston	103	56	78	5	0.00	-0.17	3.16	-2.65	3594	2200	122
Porthill	97	36	66	0	0.05	-0.23	6.86	-1.24	2421	1296	22
Winchester	97	42	67	6	0.00	-0.28	9.42	-3.26	1953	954	167
Southwest											
Boise	100	49	73	0	0.00	-0.07	3.46	-1.45	3222	1923	-87
Emmett	93	52	73	2	0.00	-0.08	3.80	-1.00	3191	1959	8
Glenns Ferry	99	49	74	3	0.00	-0.07	3.78	0.00	3226	1982	26
Grand View	99	49	73	0	0.00	-0.07	2.99	-0.19	3157	1921	-282
Nampa	98	54	75	3	0.02	-0.10	3.01	-1.21	3282	1992	-44
Parma	97	53	75	4	0.00	-0.14	1.90	-2.71	3409	2088	159
South Central											
Fairfield	88	34	60	-5	0.00	-0.14	2.36	-3.21	1876	891	-216
Malta	92	40	67	-2	0.00	-0.21	3.26	-2.76	2528	1411	-110
Picabo	91	41	67	2	0.00	-0.14	2.03	-3.08	2431	1368	168
Rupert	92	45	67	-2	0.00	-0.11	1.98	-2.35	2575	1447	-121
Twin Falls	91	48	68	2	0.00	-0.09	2.91	-1.47	2777	1609	110
East											
Aberdeen	89	43	65	-2	0.00	-0.14	1.60	-2.98	2485	1385	52
Ashton	86	37	60	-4	0.01	-0.25	5.29	-3.60	1962	970	-47
Fort Hall	90	39	64	-4	0.00	-0.21	2.72	-3.22	2453	1347	-146
Idaho Falls	86	43	65	-3	0.00	-0.14	3.06	-2.34	2516	1406	2
Lava Hot Springs	86	42	64	-5	0.10	-0.11	5.88	-0.06	2345	1293	-200
Monteview	88	41	63	-3	0.00	-0.21	1.73	-3.56	2212	1143	-196
Preston	88	47	68	-2	0.00	-0.21	5.32	-1.90	2714	1583	25
Rexburg	88	38	61	-3	0.00	-0.19	2.94	-3.69	2101	1052	-33

^{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.