



# Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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## Small Grain Harvest Behind Normal

### Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from 3 degrees below normal to 5 degrees above normal for the week ending August 24. Northern Idaho received above normal precipitation, while the rest of the state received only a trace. Major farm activities for the week included irrigating, pest control, harvesting grain, and cutting hay.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is estimated at 16% very short, 45% short, 39% adequate, and 0% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

**Crop Progress Table**

Percentages	2008	2007	Avg.
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	1	1	1
Potatoes Vines Dying/ Killed	13	36	30
Peaches Harvested	39	54	50
Mint 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting Harvested	69	93	87
Lentils Harvested	47	59	70
Dry Peas Harvested	55	78	75
Dry Beans Harvested	27	24	11
Oats for Grain Harvested	34	69	55

### Field Crop Report

Statewide, the small grain harvest is well behind the five year average. For example, spring wheat harvest is estimated at 33 percent complete compared to the 62 percent five-year average. The Nez Perce County extension educator reported that harvest slowed at all elevations due to rains last week. In Southern Idaho, however, the weather conditions were excellent for harvest. Field corn for silage harvest has just started and is one percent complete.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Statewide, the second cutting of alfalfa hay is at 89% harvested and third cutting is at 40% harvested. Elmore County reported a moderately scattered infestation of grasshoppers. Caribou County reported that cattle are still out on the range.

**Condition Table**

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	3	19	41	34	3
Barley	1	7	22	66	4
Spring Wheat	1	4	26	64	5
Potato	--	--	15	79	6
Irr. Water Supply	--	3	26	64	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.....	71	94	89	100	100	100	95	96	94	64	96	88	74	95	90
Spring Wheat Harvested.....	34	73	62	92	96	97	92	85	79	18	70	56	33	74	62
Barley Harvested.....	40	79	68	99	99	99	81	88	82	18	61	48	38	70	59
Potatoes Harvested.....	NA	NA	NA	11	19	11	1	13	4	--	1	--	1	5	2
Alfalfa Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting.....	95	100	87	100	100	100	100	100	99	78	97	90	89	99	95
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting.....	NA	NA	NA	56	62	79	68	79	67	8	27	18	40	53	50

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](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

## Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, August 24, 2008 <sup>1/</sup>

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
<b>North</b>											
Coeur D' Alene	101	47	67	-3	0.91	0.56	8.03	-1.87	2733	1545	-156
Grangeville	100	46	69	5	0.96	0.64	13.44	0.40	2700	1539	264
Lewiston	108	51	73	1	0.51	0.30	3.67	-2.35	3830	2366	128
Porthill	102	29	64	0	1.35	1.06	8.21	-0.18	2590	1395	24
Winchester	94	38	62	2	1.28	1.00	10.7	-2.26	2109	1040	174
<b>Southwest</b>											
Boise	101	46	73	2	0.00	-0.13	3.46	-1.58	3453	2084	-76
Emmett	99	46	72	3	0.00	-0.14	3.80	-1.14	3417	2115	25
Glenns Ferry	102	43	73	4	0.00	-0.08	3.78	-0.08	3460	2146	49
Grand View	102	45	72	1	0.00	-0.07	2.99	-0.26	3382	2076	-275
Nampa	99	45	71	1	0.00	-0.14	2.99	-1.37	3501	2141	-38
Parma	99	45	71	2	0.01	-0.13	1.91	-2.84	3629	2238	172
<b>South Central</b>											
Fairfield	94	32	62	-2	0.00	-0.14	2.36	-3.35	2030	975	-222
Malta	99	42	68	2	0.00	-0.22	3.26	-2.98	2726	1539	-100
Picabo	95	36	67	4	0.01	-0.13	2.04	-3.21	2622	1489	190
Rupert	96	44	68	1	0.00	-0.14	1.98	-2.49	2771	1573	-114
Twin Falls	96	46	69	4	0.00	-0.14	2.91	-1.61	2985	1747	136
<b>East</b>											
Aberdeen	95	38	66	3	0.00	-0.14	1.60	-3.12	2669	1499	64
Ashton	90	30	62	0	0.10	-0.18	5.39	-3.78	2117	1055	-43
Fort Hall	96	40	66	1	0.00	-0.21	2.72	-3.43	2638	1462	-144
Idaho Falls	93	39	66	1	0.00	-0.16	3.06	-2.50	2701	1521	9
Lava Hot Springs	91	42	65	-1	0.00	-0.21	5.88	-0.27	2524	1402	-204
Monteview	91	35	63	-1	0.00	-0.16	1.73	-3.72	2377	1238	-200
Preston	93	49	70	4	0.00	-0.21	5.28	-2.15	2920	1719	40
Rexburg	93	32	64	3	0.01	-0.20	2.95	-3.89	2274	1155	-16

<sup>1/</sup> 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](http://www.awis.com) or call 1-888-798-9955.