



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Onion Harvest Gets Late Start

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from five degrees below normal to four degrees above normal for the week ending August 31. Northern and Eastern Idaho received precipitation, while the rest of the state received only a trace. Major farm activities for the week included irrigating, spraying fungicides and pesticides, harvesting crops, and cutting hay.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is estimated at 17% very short, 48% short, 35% adequate, and 0% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2008	2007	Avg.
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	3	6	5
Onions Harvested	4	26	17
Potatoes Vines Dying/ Killed	30	55	43
Peaches Harvested	41	62	70
Mint 1 st Cutting Harvested	90	99	96
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	4	7	11
Lentils Harvested	58	77	86
Dry Peas Harvested	70	91	89
Dry Beans Harvested	28	38	23
Oats for Grain Harvested	59	82	68

Field Crop Report

The onion harvest is about two weeks behind normal at 4% harvested statewide. The prune and plum harvest is estimated at 20% complete. In Northern Idaho, the rain slowed down the harvest. The Nez Perce extension educator reported concern about dockage of soft white winter wheat due to potential for sprout caused by rain. In Eastern Idaho the dry days helped harvest to progress rapidly. The Power County extension educator reported that grain harvest is wrapping up and fall tillage operations are underway.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Statewide, the second cutting of alfalfa hay is almost complete at 92% harvested, third cutting is at 49% harvested, and fourth cutting just began at 4% harvested. No livestock problems were reported.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	3	21	42	31	3
Barley	1	6	25	65	3
Spring Wheat	1	5	27	63	4
Potato	--	--	18	76	6
Irr. Water Supply	--	6	30	55	9

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.....	85	99	96	100	100	100	97	100	99	86	99	95	88	99	97
Spring Wheat Harvested.....	54	92	83	99	99	100	96	96	93	44	84	74	54	88	80
Barley Harvested.....	62	92	86	99	100	100	84	95	92	37	80	65	53	85	75
Potatoes Harvested.....	NA	NA	NA	20	24	28	2	18	7	--	2	1	2	7	4
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd Cutting.....	98	100	93	100	100	100	100	100	100	86	100	95	92	100	97
3 rd Cutting.....	NA	NA	NA	57	78	91	83	90	79	18	35	26	49	64	60

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 31, 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	83	48	63	-5	0.50	0.19	8.53	-1.68	2893	1635	-185
Grangeville	89	48	65	4	0.26	-0.09	13.7	0.31	2879	1648	283
Lewiston	92	51	70	0	0.27	0.06	3.94	-2.29	4043	2509	126
Porthill	85	32	58	-4	0.18	-0.17	8.39	-0.35	2720	1455	0
Winchester	82	41	58	-2	0.33	0.05	11.03	-2.21	2237	1098	164
Southwest											
Boise	97	44	67	-3	0.00	-0.14	3.46	-1.72	3645	2206	-88
Emmett	96	48	69	2	0.00	-0.14	3.80	-1.28	3623	2251	37
Glenns Ferry	102	41	69	2	0.00	-0.13	3.78	-0.21	3666	2282	59
Grand View	101	40	68	-2	0.00	-0.12	2.99	-0.38	3579	2203	-281
Nampa	93	43	67	-2	0.00	-0.14	2.99	-1.51	3689	2259	-48
Parma	95	43	68	2	0.02	-0.13	1.92	-2.98	3828	2367	180
South Central											
Fairfield	90	37	61	0	0.00	-0.15	2.36	-3.50	2177	1052	-222
Malta	95	30	66	2	0.16	-0.05	3.42	-3.03	2912	1655	-87
Picabo	91	37	62	1	0.00	-0.14	2.03	-3.36	2780	1577	194
Rupert	94	40	64	-2	0.00	-0.14	1.98	-2.63	2937	1669	-121
Twin Falls	92	40	65	2	0.00	-0.14	2.91	-1.75	3160	1852	143
East											
Aberdeen	90	41	65	3	0.00	-0.14	1.60	-3.26	2845	1605	84
Ashton	89	33	60	1	0.17	-0.11	5.55	-3.90	2261	1129	-38
Fort Hall	93	41	64	1	0.05	-0.15	2.77	-3.58	2808	1562	-142
Idaho Falls	95	38	67	4	0.00	-0.20	3.06	-2.70	2890	1640	35
Lava Hot Springs	92	40	65	1	0.00	-0.20	5.88	-0.47	2698	1506	-198
Monteview	92	36	64	3	0.00	-0.15	1.73	-3.87	2545	1336	-186
Preston	92	38	67	2	0.68	0.47	5.96	-1.68	3103	1832	48
Rexburg	92	36	63	4	0.22	0.01	3.17	-3.88	2438	1249	4

^{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.