



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Winter Wheat Planting Underway

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from one degree to nine degrees below normal for the week ending September 7. Eastern Idaho received precipitation, while the rest of the state received only a trace. Major farm activities for the week included irrigating, caring for livestock, harvesting crops, planting winter wheat, and cutting hay.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is estimated at 16% very short, 46% short, 38% adequate, and 0% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2008	2007	Avg.
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	4	15	11
Onions Harvested	14	33	28
Potatoes Vines Dying/ Killed	38	72	58
Peaches Harvested	65	75	85
Mint 1 st Cutting Harvested	96	100	99
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	10	21	25
Lentils Harvested	82	91	96
Dry Peas Harvested	92	98	97
Dry Beans Harvested	30	49	35
Oats for Grain Harvested	68	93	81

Field Crop Report

Winter wheat planting for next year's crop is 2% underway, which is about one week behind 2007 plantings. Winter wheat harvest is essentially complete at 97% harvested. In Southeastern Idaho, first-cutting of mint is nearly complete. In South-central Idaho, the Cassia County extension educator reports that some farmers are rolling their potatoes and getting ready for harvest. In Eastern Idaho, the Power County extension educator reported that dryland wheat planting is starting where moisture is adequate and the potato harvest will begin next week.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Statewide, the second cutting of alfalfa hay is essentially complete at 96% harvested, third cutting is at 62% harvested, and fourth cutting is at 10% harvested. Caribou County extension educator reported that cattle are still on the range and feed is starting to run low.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	3	23	44	28	2
Potato	--	2	19	73	6
Irr. Water Supply	--	8	34	50	8

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	96	100	99	100	100	100	99	100	100	96	100	99	97	100	99
Planted	--	6	2	1	4	6	7	14	7	3	19	11	2	11	6
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	87	98	96	100	100	100	98	99	99	64	94	88	75	96	91
Barley															
Harvested	89	98	96	100	100	100	91	97	97	51	91	80	67	93	87
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	32	34	43	5	24	12	--	3	3	3	10	8
Alfalfa Hay															
2 nd Cutting	100	100	98	100	100	100	100	100	100	93	100	98	96	100	99
3 rd Cutting	NA	NA	NA	80	87	96	91	95	87	27	48	40	62	73	70

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

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, September 7, 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	74	39	58	-7	0.00	-0.28	8.53	-1.96	3020	1692	-229
Grangeville	78	40	59	-1	0.04	-0.37	13.74	-0.06	3016	1715	275
Lewiston	81	47	65	-4	0.00	-0.21	3.94	-2.50	4222	2618	107
Porthill	71	32	53	-7	0.04	-0.31	8.43	-0.66	2812	1479	-44
Winchester	68	32	53	-5	0.00	-0.30	11.03	-2.51	2328	1120	130
Southwest											
Boise	81	40	60	-7	0.00	-0.16	3.46	-1.88	3788	2279	-132
Emmett	81	42	60	-6	0.02	-0.16	3.82	-1.44	3761	2319	-5
Glenns Ferry	82	33	60	-6	0.00	-0.14	3.78	-0.35	3810	2356	24
Grand View	82	34	60	-7	0.00	-0.14	2.99	-0.52	3720	2274	-324
Nampa	79	37	61	-5	0.00	-0.14	2.99	-1.65	3839	2339	-82
Parma	82	39	62	-3	0.00	-0.19	1.92	-3.17	3986	2455	164
South Central											
Fairfield	76	24	52	-7	0.00	-0.19	2.36	-3.69	2263	1073	-264
Malta	79	29	58	-5	0.00	-0.21	3.42	-3.24	3036	1709	-118
Picabo	79	33	54	-6	0.00	-0.17	2.03	-3.53	2882	1610	159
Rupert	75	32	55	-8	0.00	-0.14	1.98	-2.77	3044	1706	-170
Twin Falls	77	33	57	-5	0.00	-0.14	2.91	-1.89	3280	1902	111
East											
Aberdeen	78	34	55	-5	0.02	-0.12	1.78	-3.22	2944	1634	43
Ashton	68	30	50	-7	0.01	-0.30	5.56	-4.20	2336	1145	-77
Fort Hall	78	34	55	-7	0.24	0.03	3.01	-3.55	2918	1602	-184
Idaho Falls	80	36	55	-6	0.31	0.11	3.37	-2.59	2998	1679	-2
Lava Hot Springs	78	33	54	-9	0.49	0.28	6.37	-0.19	2794	1535	-251
Monteview	72	33	52	-8	0.08	-0.12	1.81	-3.99	2625	1351	-239
Preston	77	37	56	-7	0.56	0.33	6.52	-1.35	3218	1877	5
Rexburg	72	29	52	-6	0.03	-0.21	3.20	-4.09	2526	1273	-32

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.