



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Dry Pea and Lentil Harvest Nears Completion

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from three degrees below normal to four degrees above normal for the week ending September 14. Only traces of precipitation were measured throughout the state. 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 18% very short, 47% short, 35% 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.
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	9	36	28
Onions Harvested	30	54	45
Potatoes Vines Dying/ Killed	56	86	77
Peaches Harvested	75	90	93
Alfalfa 4 th Cutting	19	42	44
Lentils Harvested	95	99	100
Dry Peas Harvested	99	100	99
Dry Beans Harvested	38	58	52
Oats for Grain Harvested	75	99	91

Field Crop Report

Dry peas harvested are estimated at 99% complete and lentils are estimated at 95% complete, essentially finishing the harvest for these crops. Most crops are still behind normal. The Caribou County extension educator reported that good weather helped farmers catch up on cereal harvest. The Franklin County extension educator reported that much of the corn is not mature yet. Farmers are hoping for a longer season so it can finish maturing. In Southwestern Idaho, the prune and plum harvest is about half complete and the apple harvest is just getting underway.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Statewide, the third cutting of alfalfa hay is at 67% harvested, with Eastern Idaho being well behind normal. Fourth cutting of alfalfa hay is at 19% harvested.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	3	22	42	30	3
Potato	--	4	18	73	5
Irr. Water Supply	--	8	33	51	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															
Planted	8	11	6	17	19	18	23	25	16	17	33	24	14	21	14
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	98	100	99	100	100	100	99	100	100	86	99	95	91	99	97
Barley															
Harvested	98	100	99	100	100	100	97	99	100	77	98	91	85	99	94
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	52	46	55	10	30	19	1	4	5	7	13	12
Alfalfa Hay															
3 rd Cutting	NA	NA	NA	90	94	98	92	97	95	34	59	56	67	80	80

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, September 14, 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	80	44	61	-1	0.00	-0.28	8.53	-2.24	3171	1773	-232
Grangeville	81	41	61	4	0.00	-0.42	13.74	-0.48	3166	1795	296
Lewiston	87	50	68	3	0.00	-0.20	3.94	-2.70	4419	2745	124
Porthill	78	27	55	-2	0.04	-0.31	8.47	-0.97	2920	1517	-58
Winchester	75	36	56	2	0.00	-0.35	11.03	-2.86	2441	1163	130
Southwest											
Boise	84	43	63	-2	0.00	-0.21	3.46	-2.09	3949	2370	-139
Emmett	83	46	64	3	0.00	-0.21	3.82	-1.65	3934	2422	6
Glenns Ferry	88	36	64	2	0.01	-0.13	3.79	-0.48	3980	2456	33
Grand View	87	35	63	-2	0.00	-0.14	2.99	-0.66	3881	2365	-329
Nampa	82	40	63	-1	0.00	-0.16	2.99	-1.81	4001	2431	-86
Parma	86	41	65	4	0.00	-0.20	1.92	-3.37	4162	2561	185
South Central											
Fairfield	81	30	55	-2	0.00	-0.21	2.36	-3.90	2367	1108	-278
Malta	87	29	59	-1	0.00	-0.21	3.42	-3.45	3169	1772	-123
Picabo	86	31	59	4	0.00	-0.21	2.03	-3.74	3019	1677	174
Rupert	84	36	58	-2	0.00	-0.14	1.98	-2.91	3173	1765	-181
Twin Falls	85	37	61	3	0.00	-0.18	2.91	-2.07	3429	1981	124
East											
Aberdeen	86	36	58	2	0.00	-0.15	1.78	-3.37	3074	1694	47
Ashton	81	31	54	-2	0.05	-0.30	5.61	-4.50	2435	1174	-91
Fort Hall	88	35	59	0	0.00	-0.21	3.01	-3.76	3055	1669	-184
Idaho Falls	86	36	59	2	0.00	-0.21	3.37	-2.80	3134	1745	3
Lava Hot Springs	81	36	56	-3	0.05	-0.16	6.42	-0.35	2910	1581	-272
Monteview	82	31	55	-2	0.00	-0.14	1.81	-4.13	2730	1386	-258
Preston	82	40	60	0	0.07	-0.21	6.59	-1.56	3360	1949	6
Rexburg	83	30	54	-2	0.02	-0.26	3.22	-4.35	2626	1303	-48

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.