



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Cool Weather Delays Planting

Agricultural Summary

Farming has begun in some lower elevation areas of Idaho, but many fields in Eastern Idaho and Northern Idaho remain snow covered. Rain in the Southwestern and South Central districts and fresh snow in the Northern and Eastern districts has delayed field progress. Temperatures across the state ranged from three to ten degrees below normal for the week. Major agricultural activities included feeding livestock, spring tillage, and planting small grains, onions, and sugarbeets.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is at 0% very short, 6% short, 69% adequate, and 25% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 2.1 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2009	2008	Avg.
Onions Planted	28	52	51
Onions Emerged	4	9	8
Oats Planted	13	20	21
Oats Emerged	4	3	2
Dry Peas Planted	5	4	15

Field Crop Report

Many counties are reporting fields are still covered by snow. Almost all districts reported above average precipitation last week. Statewide, winter wheat condition is mostly good. Many County extension educators reported that poor weather conditions have delayed crop progress. Benewah and Latah counties reported moderate snow accumulations. The Twin Falls County extension educator reported cool weather has delayed sugarbeet and potato planting.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

The Caribou County extension educator reports that calving for many ranchers is over 50% complete. Hay and roughage supplies were reported to be 0% very short, 34% short, 60% adequate, and 6% surplus. Spring calving in Idaho was 80% complete, while lambing was 79% complete.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	0	20	73	7
Irr. Water Supply	0	0	28	65	7

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg	2009	2008	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted	--	2	29	78	87	65	23	55	54	--	13	16	14	17	26
Emerged	--	--	2	51	22	14	1	--	5	--	--	--	8	1	2
Barley															
Planted	--	1	19	84	69	58	13	17	43	--	15	9	4	15	20
Emerged	--	--	3	42	15	13	--	--	3	--	--	--	2	1	1
Potatoes															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	13	9	5	--	6	3	--	--	--	1	2	1
Sugarbeets															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	50	35	55	1	11	29	--	--	13	9	13	30
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	3	10	8	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	2	3

Avg (2004 – 2008); 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, April 5, 2009 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Av g	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	52	28	36	-8	0.89	0.47	3.58	1.59	11	0	-7
Grangeville	59	26	37	-5	0.36	-0.25	3.06	0.22	33	0	-2
Lewiston	56	33	44	-5	0.37	0.14	2.41	1.17	143	9	-17
Porthill	54	26	38	-4	0.58	0.28	3.03	1.52	5	0	0
Winchester	51	21	31	-8	0.79	0.16	5.36	2.45	8	0	0
Southwest											
Boise	62	26	41	-5	0.38	0.04	2.10	0.57	129	13	-15
Emmett	59	25	38	-9	0.43	0.15	1.65	0.16	105	9	-18
Glenns Ferry	60	25	40	-6	0.31	0.10	1.02	-0.07	104	12	-26
Grandview	64	23	42	-7	0.17	-0.01	0.66	-0.17	132	14	-25
Nampa	62	26	41	-7	0.07	-0.18	0.44	-0.80	126	11	-26
Parma	64	25	42	-5	0.06	-0.19	0.62	-0.73	131	12	-14
South Central											
Fairfield	42	12	27	-10	0.11	-0.14	0.90	-0.55	0	0	0
Malta	52	25	36	-7	0.56	0.35	1.91	0.96	54	5	-22
Picabo	51	22	35	-3	0.25	0.04	1.25	-0.08	9	0	0
Rupert	52	23	36	-6	0.42	0.25	0.86	-0.11	53	2	-16
Twin Falls	55	25	38	-5	0.37	0.15	1.35	0.13	76	2	-20
East											
Aberdeen	47	21	35	-5	0.23	0.07	0.74	-0.09	34	1	-18
Ashton	45	13	30	-5	0.86	0.53	1.80	0.00	3	0	0
Fort Hall	51	14	35	-7	0.15	-0.07	1.07	-0.19	38	2	-21
Idaho Falls	48	24	36	-4	0.26	0.05	0.97	0.00	41	5	-13
Lava Hot Springs	46	20	31	-10	0.55	0.33	1.70	0.86	32	2	-21
Monteview	48	16	34	-5	0.00	-0.14	0.64	-0.13	13	0	-12
Preston	49	23	36	-6	0.30	0.05	1.22	-0.11	56	2	-19
Rexburg	46	15	33	-4	0.39	0.16	1.27	0.14	21	0	-7

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.