



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Damp Fields Delay Progress

Agricultural Summary

Warmer weather has melted snow in some higher elevation fields. Most districts reported precipitation and some districts reported almost twice the average for the week. Temperatures across the state ranged from seven degrees above normal to three 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, 4% short, 78% adequate, and 18% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2009	2008	Avg.
Onions Planted	55	76	80
Onions Emerged	25	13	27
Oats Planted	25	38	35
Oats Emerged	13	6	10
Field Corn Planted	--	1	2
Lentils	--	--	4
Winter Wheat Jointed	7	--	4
Dry Peas Planted	6	6	25

Field Crop Report

Many fields are free from snow but are now too soggy for field work. Both the Latah and Power county extension educators have reported delays in field work due to wet fields. Much of the state had a brief window of favorable weather that improved conditions later in the week. Statewide, winter wheat condition is mostly good. The Twin Falls extension educator reported that, weather permitting, sugarbeet plantings should ramp up next week.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

The Twin Falls extension educator reported that cold weather has slowed grass growth on range and pasture. Hay and roughage supplies were reported to be 0% very short, 37% short, 58% adequate, and 5% surplus. Spring calving in Idaho was 93% complete, while lambing was 89% complete.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	1	4	26	59	10
Winter Wheat	0	1	18	74	7
Irr. Water Supply	0	0	21	56	23

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	3	9	43	99	96	79	31	83	78	3	18	26	18	25	39
Emerged	--	--	7	97	28	38	5	15	21	--	--	4	12	3	8
Barley															
Planted	4	6	31	100	90	73	26	60	69	4	20	15	10	29	31
Emerged	--	--	6	100	19	38	2	9	19	--	--	2	2	3	8
Potatoes															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	30	23	17	6	22	12	--	--	--	3	7	4
Sugarbeets															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	61	68	72	13	37	53	--	1	28	18	35	51
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	19	15	27	--	--	9	--	--	--	3	3	11

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 12, 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	70	30	46	1	0.24	-0.18	3.82	1.41	55	3	-11
Grangeville	68	31	49	7	0.12	-0.44	3.18	-0.22	96	3	-6
Lewiston	75	41	55	7	0.06	-0.20	2.47	0.97	250	47	4
Porthill	69	28	46	3	0.24	-0.04	3.27	1.48	51	1	1
Winchester	64	28	44	5	0.09	-0.54	5.45	1.91	37	0	0
Southwest											
Boise	76	31	52	5	0.49	0.21	2.59	0.78	215	30	-12
Emmett	74	33	50	3	0.54	0.26	2.19	0.42	175	17	-25
Glenns Ferry	75	31	51	4	0.45	0.25	1.47	0.18	179	20	-36
Grandview	76	24	50	1	0.12	-0.02	0.78	-0.19	204	19	-42
Nampa	75	34	51	2	0.13	-0.08	0.56	-0.89	204	24	-34
Parma	72	32	52	5	0.01	-0.20	0.62	-0.94	215	27	-14
South Central											
Fairfield	55	16	41	3	0.28	0.07	1.18	-0.48	17	0	0
Malta	69	23	46	2	0.02	-0.19	1.93	0.77	95	5	-36
Picabo	65	25	45	6	0.10	-0.11	1.35	-0.19	46	0	-4
Rupert	72	26	47	4	0.35	0.20	1.21	0.09	102	2	-24
Twin Falls	72	27	48	5	0.60	0.39	1.95	0.52	137	3	-29
East											
Aberdeen	67	24	46	5	0.00	-0.19	0.74	-0.28	75	1	-25
Ashton	58	15	40	3	0.22	-0.13	2.02	-0.13	19	0	0
Fort Hall	68	21	46	4	0.23	0.02	1.30	-0.17	79	4	-26
Idaho Falls	65	24	45	4	0.17	-0.04	1.14	-0.04	82	7	-18
Lava Hot Springs	63	19	41	-3	0.09	-0.12	1.79	0.74	47	2	-28
Monteview	63	19	43	3	0.42	0.28	1.06	0.15	39	0	-19
Preston	65	25	46	3	0.26	-0.02	1.48	-0.13	98	4	-27
Rexburg	64	17	43	5	0.38	0.11	1.65	0.25	47	0	-9

^{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.