



# Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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## Weather Improves Field and Crop Conditions

### Agricultural Summary

Warm weather in the beginning of the week was favorable for field work. Conditions worsen later in the week as cool weather moved into the state. However, all districts reported above average or average temperatures that ranged from normal to 8 degrees above normal. Major agricultural activities included feeding livestock, spring tillage, and planting small grains, and sugarbeets.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is at 0% very short, 4% short, 92% adequate, and 4% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

**Crop Progress Table**

| Percentages             | 2009 | 2008 | Avg. |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|
| Onions Emerged          | 78   | 46   | 63   |
| Oats Planted            | 41   | 49   | 50   |
| Oats Emerged            | 20   | 32   | 28   |
| Field Corn Planted      | 12   | 8    | 14   |
| Lentils Planted         | 5    | 3    | 29   |
| Winter Wheat Jointed    | 15   | 3    | 16   |
| Winter Wheat Boot Stage | 1    | --   | 1    |
| Dry Peas Planted        | 13   | 11   | 46   |
| Dry Peas Emerged        | 6    | 3    | 20   |

### Field Crop Report

Crops progressed nicely as warm weather improved field and crop conditions. The Twin Falls extension educator reported potato and sugarbeet planting is well underway but cool soil temperature has made farmers cautious of planting corn. Power County reported some irrigation of sugarbeets and winter wheat. Blaine County reported high winds later in the week and Elmore County reported heavy frost that may have harmed emerged crops.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Statewide lambing is drawing to a close. Franklin County reported that livestock are in good condition. Hay and roughage supplies were reported to be 0% very short, 34% short, 61% adequate, and 5% surplus. Lambing in Idaho was 96% complete.

**Condition Table**

| Percentages       | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Range & Pasture   | 0         | 0    | 25   | 45   | 30        |
| Winter Wheat      | 0         | 0    | 19   | 73   | 8         |
| Irr. Water Supply | 0         | 0    | 9    | 81   | 10        |

**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 ..... | 37    | 36   | 61  | 100       | 100  | 95  | 94            | 99   | 97  | 44   | 48   | 54  | 56    | 53   | 63  |
| Emerged ..... | --    | 5    | 21  | 100       | 98   | 77  | 28            | 73   | 69  | 6    | 4    | 23  | 16    | 15   | 31  |
| Barley        |       |      |     |           |      |     |               |      |     |      |      |     |       |      |     |
| Planted ..... | 39    | 34   | 54  | 100       | 100  | 91  | 79            | 92   | 91  | 34   | 28   | 31  | 46    | 46   | 50  |
| Emerged ..... | --    | 4    | 19  | 100       | 97   | 76  | 14            | 55   | 53  | 4    | 1    | 10  | 7     | 16   | 23  |
| Potatoes      |       |      |     |           |      |     |               |      |     |      |      |     |       |      |     |
| Planted ..... | NA    | NA   | NA  | 96        | 70   | 60  | 21            | 55   | 46  | 8    | 8    | 6   | 16    | 24   | 20  |
| Sugarbeets    |       |      |     |           |      |     |               |      |     |      |      |     |       |      |     |
| Planted ..... | NA    | NA   | NA  | 90        | 94   | 93  | 87            | 90   | 90  | 87   | 74   | 86  | 87    | 88   | 90  |
| Emerged ..... | NA    | NA   | NA  | 45        | 46   | 47  | 4             | 10   | 32  | 4    | --   | 15  | 11    | 14   | 32  |

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](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

**Weather Data for the Week**  
**Ending Sunday, April 26, 2009 <sup>1/</sup>**

| 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 |
| <b>North</b>         |                        |    |     |     |                      |       |                           |       |                                   |               |             |
| Coeur D' Alene       | 77                     | 31 | 50  | 2   | 0.04                 | -0.34 | 4.17                      | 1.01  | 154                               | 29            | -5          |
| Grangeville          | 78                     | 26 | 49  | 4   | 0.16                 | -0.47 | 3.86                      | -0.80 | 183                               | 32            | 9           |
| Lewiston             | 82                     | 33 | 56  | 4   | 0.00                 | -0.28 | 2.57                      | 0.51  | 433                               | 115           | 19          |
| Porthill             | 77                     | 27 | 48  | 0   | 0.05                 | -0.30 | 3.75                      | 1.28  | 133                               | 13            | -2          |
| Winchester           | 73                     | 24 | 45  | 2   | 0.00                 | -0.65 | 5.94                      | 1.12  | 92                                | 13            | 13          |
| <b>Southwest</b>     |                        |    |     |     |                      |       |                           |       |                                   |               |             |
| Boise                | 87                     | 28 | 55  | 5   | 0.00                 | -0.28 | 2.69                      | 0.32  | 396                               | 90            | 1           |
| Emmett               | 87                     | 27 | 55  | 4   | 0.00                 | -0.25 | 2.30                      | 0.00  | 339                               | 71            | -20         |
| Glenns Ferry         | 85                     | 29 | 54  | 4   | 0.01                 | -0.14 | 1.78                      | 0.20  | 335                               | 69            | -37         |
| Grandview            | 87                     | 34 | 55  | 2   | 0.01                 | -0.13 | 0.93                      | -0.32 | 379                               | 74            | -53         |
| Nampa                | 86                     | 35 | 55  | 2   | 0.00                 | -0.21 | 0.58                      | -1.29 | 378                               | 78            | -43         |
| Parma                | 87                     | 32 | 56  | 5   | 0.01                 | -0.20 | 0.71                      | -1.27 | 405                               | 91            | 1           |
| <b>South Central</b> |                        |    |     |     |                      |       |                           |       |                                   |               |             |
| Fairfield            | 75                     | 19 | 47  | 4   | 0.11                 | -0.17 | 1.56                      | -0.65 | 96                                | 14            | 3           |
| Malta                | 78                     | 25 | 49  | 2   | 0.07                 | -0.19 | 2.44                      | 0.81  | 187                               | 25            | -44         |
| Picabo               | 76                     | 23 | 49  | 6   | 0.13                 | -0.08 | 1.78                      | -0.18 | 140                               | 29            | 11          |
| Rupert               | 77                     | 24 | 49  | 2   | 0.03                 | -0.18 | 1.45                      | -0.09 | 199                               | 25            | -29         |
| Twin Falls           | 79                     | 28 | 51  | 5   | 0.02                 | -0.19 | 2.34                      | 0.49  | 261                               | 39            | -21         |
| <b>East</b>          |                        |    |     |     |                      |       |                           |       |                                   |               |             |
| Aberdeen             | 78                     | 23 | 49  | 4   | 0.00                 | -0.21 | 1.13                      | -0.31 | 165                               | 27            | -13         |
| Ashton               | 72                     | 26 | 47  | 5   | 0.09                 | -0.28 | 2.68                      | -0.19 | 95                                | 12            | 0           |
| Fort Hall            | 76                     | 23 | 49  | 2   | 0.00                 | -0.28 | 1.84                      | -0.18 | 169                               | 26            | -26         |
| Idaho Falls          | 78                     | 25 | 53  | 8   | 0.00                 | -0.28 | 1.42                      | -0.25 | 213                               | 46            | 7           |
| Lava Hot Springs     | 75                     | 30 | 51  | 5   | 0.00                 | -0.28 | 2.61                      | 1.01  | 149                               | 24            | -28         |
| Monteview            | 77                     | 18 | 47  | 2   | 0.03                 | -0.18 | 1.17                      | -0.16 | 119                               | 15            | -18         |
| Preston              | 75                     | 31 | 51  | 4   | 0.25                 | -0.03 | 3.86                      | 1.69  | 214                               | 31            | -28         |
| Rexburg              | 75                     | 23 | 48  | 5   | 0.13                 | -0.15 | 2.36                      | 0.40  | 139                               | 17            | -6          |

<sup>1/</sup> 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](http://www.awis.com) or call 1-888-798-9955.