



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Dry Week Helps Late Harvest

Agricultural Summary

Weekly precipitation totals were less than normal for all stations reporting for the week ending October 30. Only a handful of stations, mostly in North Idaho, recorded more than a trace of precipitation during the past week. Average weekly temperatures were mostly below normal, but reported averages ranged from five degrees below normal to two degrees above normal. Major agricultural activities for the week included moving cattle and sheep, cutting alfalfa, and harvesting sugarbeets and potatoes.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture declined slightly from the previous week to 0% very short, 13% short, 84% adequate, and 3% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the past week.

Field Crop Report

Dry weather has helped farmers in Southern Idaho with harvest progress. Producers still need to finish harvest on the last few fields of potatoes, onions, and silage corn. Some farmers with corn for grain are waiting for the moisture to dry down before harvesting. Apple harvest continues in Southwest Idaho orchards. Conditions for winter wheat emergence continue to be excellent in North Idaho.

Livestock Report

In Eastern Idaho, calves are being weaned and sold, while cows are going to fall pasture. In North Idaho, the same conditions that benefitted winter wheat emergence have also allowed for excellent fall growth on pasture and range.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range and Pasture	2	12	27	41	18
Winter Wheat	--	--	14	64	22
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	3	57	40

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2011	2010	Avg.
Onions Harvested	97	100	100
Alfalfa 4 th cutting	94	91	97
Corn Harvested for Grain	18	17	46
Corn Harvested for Silage	98	96	98

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg
Winter Wheat Emerged	71	69	56	95	86	86	79	78	74	91	91	87	81	80	71
Sugarbeets Harvested.....	NA	NA	NA	50	53	56	73	78	79	85	86	87	72	75	76

Avg (2006 – 2010); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 30, 2011 ^{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	59	29	43	-4	0.10	-0.38	14.67	1.70	3769	1961	-227
Grangeville	60	28	44	2	0.25	-0.17	20.18	2.98	3685	1917	289
Lewiston	68	30	49	2	0.00	-0.21	9.03	1.15	5071	2919	10
Porthill	55	23	37	-4	0.10	-0.29	11.53	0.07	3470	1741	85
Winchester	58	21	39	-2	0.07	-0.42	16.73	0.23	2867	1317	214
Southwest											
Boise	68	26	44	-4	0.00	-0.22	9.38	2.67	4669	2628	-149
Emmett	70	26	45	-3	0.00	-0.26	9.21	2.47	4645	2681	30
Glenns Ferry	65	23	43	-5	0.01	-0.20	9.77	4.58	4702	2756	70
Grandview	68	21	45	-3	0.01	-0.13	6.32	1.91	4600	2567	-382
Nampa	65	28	45	-3	0.00	-0.18	6.17	0.40	4601	2611	-168
Parma	66	26	45	0	0.01	-0.20	6.47	0.13	4791	2738	161
South Central											
Fairfield	64	14	38	-4	0.00	-0.26	6.85	-0.58	2909	1337	-137
Malta	65	15	40	-4	0.02	-0.19	9.47	1.51	3691	1933	-131
Picabo	61	21	39	-2	0.00	-0.22	8.51	1.65	3508	1849	246
Rupert	65	20	41	-4	0.01	-0.19	8.27	2.36	3845	2049	-65
Twin Falls	65	23	43	-3	0.00	-0.21	7.24	1.17	4152	2296	275
East											
Aberdeen	61	19	40	-2	0.00	-0.21	4.79	-1.57	3671	1937	183
Ashton	57	19	37	-3	0.00	-0.35	12.33	0.23	2919	1364	18
Fort Hall	62	18	42	-2	0.01	-0.27	10.85	2.61	3773	1995	-7
Idaho Falls	66	19	42	1	0.00	-0.21	7.61	0.19	3843	2059	200
Lava Hot Springs	64	19	39	-5	0.00	-0.28	16.51	8.27	3480	1821	-181
Monteview	55	16	35	-5	0.00	-0.14	5.22	-1.61	3071	1483	-258
Preston	67	20	41	-3	0.00	-0.28	14.81	4.95	3919	2142	29
Rexburg	58	14	37	-4	0.00	-0.21	9.73	0.71	3130	1478	37

^{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.