



IDAHO CROP WEATHER



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LINGERING WINTER CONDITIONS

For the second consecutive week winter conditions hampered spring progress across much of the state. Average temperatures were below normal for all reporting stations. In South-central and Eastern areas all stations except Salmon reported precipitation. For the week ending April 11, reports indicate that farmers had an average of 2.8 days suitable for fieldwork. According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, major activities during the past week involved planting spring wheat, barley, potatoes, onions, dry peas, oats, and sugarbeets, feeding and caring for livestock, field preparation, hauling seed potatoes, applying fertilizer, and preparing irrigation systems.

crops are slightly behind the five year average due to cool conditions. In Northern areas winter kill of winter wheat will lead to replanting. Vole damage to Southern area winter wheat fields continues. Across the state apricots are blooming and only minor damage to swelling buds has been caused by the unseasonable temperatures. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 2% short, 53% adequate and 45% surplus.

CROP REPORT

Despite rain and snow throughout the week, Southern area small grain plantings are progressing normally due to windy conditions drying the soil. Statewide emergence of small grains

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	Planted %			Emerged %		
	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg
Onions	90	69	81	2	7	15
Dry Peas	15	18	9	-	-	-
Oats	9	13	15	-	-	-
Lentils	0	2	2	-	-	-

CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	1	8	70	21
Irr. Water Supply	0	0	1	39	60
Pasture & Range	3	3	8	61	25

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Livestock conditions were reported to be good for the week ending April 11. Many ranchers are vaccinating and branding cattle. Calving was 91% complete, and lambing was 91% complete. Hay and roughage supplies were reported to be 8% short, 49% adequate, and 43% surplus.

CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 11, 1999

Crop	North			Southwest			South-central			East			State		
	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted	9	23	8	86	87	86	64	60	69	21	15	30	30	29	40
Emerged	3	7	3	65	57	51	23	15	18	1	1	5	8	8	10
Barley															
Planted	9	16	7	83	70	75	56	48	66	8	6	14	21	19	26
Emerged	3	3	2	39	45	41	14	16	17	1	1	1	5	6	7
Potatoes															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	11	6	22	3	10	9	0	0	0	2	3	4
Sugarbeets															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	62	59	73	17	32	37	7	22	32	24	37	48
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	3	18	18	0	3	2	0	0	1	1	6	7

Avg (1994-1998); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, April 11, 1999 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)					
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40E Base	50E Base To Date	Normal	Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of April	March 1 To Date Normal		
North													
Coeur D'Alene	36	25	31	-17	1	0	0	0.00	-0.24	0.00	0.08	3.06	
Grangeville	35	16	26	-17	2	0	0	0.00	-0.58	0.00	0.59	3.32	
Lewiston	63	29	44	-5	168	16	0	0.40	0.17	0.49	1.61	1.45	
Sand Point	56	23	37	-6	60	2	0	0.35	-0.16	0.42	3.47	3.61	
Southwest													
Boise	62	25	42	-6	168	21	0	0.22	-0.07	0.26	1.19	1.74	
Caldwell	61	19	42	-8	204	32	3	0.00	-0.23	0.00	0.02	1.44	
Emmett 5/	--	--	--	--	183	25	--	0.00	-0.27	0.00	0.00	1.73	
Mountain Home	59	16	40	-7	124	14	0	0.00	-0.22	0.06	0.40	1.39	
Parma	60	19	42	-7	174	14	0	0.00	-0.22	0.27	1.56	1.46	
Weiser	63	24	43	-6	156	14	0	0.60	0.34	0.68	1.20	1.53	
Southcentral													
Buhl	59	24	38	-9	119	20	0	0.39	0.24	0.49	1.21	1.22	
Burley	59	23	40	-5	134	13	0	0.76	0.60	0.97	1.04	1.16	
Hill City	44	10	30	-9	1	0	0	0.45	0.25	0.45	1.00	1.50	
Hagerman	65	24	41	-11	136	19	11	0.47	0.34	0.48	0.90	1.29	
Malta	54	27	--	--	106	17	1	0.19	0.05	0.21	0.41	1.07	
Twin Falls	60	23	38	-6	120	17	0	0.35	0.15	0.37	0.90	1.39	
East													
Aberdeen	56	26	38	-4	61	0	0	0.26	0.11	0.26	0.50	0.96	
Grace	58	16	35	-5	49	0	0	0.08	-0.23	0.08	1.04	1.79	
Idaho Falls	56	21	37	-5	58	0	0	0.34	0.13	0.58	1.16	1.16	
Malad City	59	27	39	-4	113	10	0	0.06	-0.19	0.06	0.10	1.51	
Pocatello	55	22	38	-6	79	1	0	0.47	0.24	0.67	1.24	1.64	
Rexburg	56	20	36	-5	32	2	0	0.52	0.26	0.55	1.58	1.52	
Salmon	61	16	38	-5	77	6	0	0.00	-0.23	0.00	0.10	0.75	

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/ -- indicate missing or incomplete data 3/ Departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average ^{2/}	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	46	40	49	37	53	39	47	38	42	33	50	35	54	37	49	37
Emmett	51	46	58	46	61	47	55	49	53	44	55	43	62	46	56	46
Parma	46	40	52	42	--	--	50	44	48	40	48	42	52	41	49	42
Sandpoint	42	38	41	37	46	39	42	40	40	37	44	37	46	39	43	38
Twin Falls	43	37	49	38	47	37	45	39	39	35	43	34	48	38	45	37

1/ Eight Inch Reading. 2/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.

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