



IDAHO CROP WEATHER



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Sunshine Accelerates Progress

Warm, dry conditions throughout much of the week accelerated spring plantings of cereal grains across Southern areas. The sunshine also allowed the Panhandle region a chance to dry out and begin some light field work. For the week ending April 18, reports indicate that farmers had an average of 5.6 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, sugarbeets and corn, caring for livestock, field preparation, hauling seed potatoes, fencing and applying fertilizer.

CROP REPORT

The cool nightly temperatures across Southwestern areas frost damaged some sugarbeets causing replanting. Planting of cereal grains gained momentum across the state, but still lag behind the

five year average in South-central and Eastern areas. Winter wheat is reported to be in good condition with development progressing to 4% jointed. Stone fruits continue to bloom. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 7% short, 63% adequate and 30% surplus.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	Planted %			Emerged %		
	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg
Onions	95	83	90	12	21	31
Dry Peas	27	20	14	6	6	4
Oats	18	23	25	1	7	7
Lentils	0	5	7	-	-	-
Corn	5	1	2	-	-	-

CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	1	10	67	22
Irr. Water Supply	0	0	0	35	65
Pasture & Range	0	1	9	67	23

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Range and pasture conditions continue to improve as spring runoff provides pasture needed water. Ranchers have begun moving sheep to early pasture. Vaccination and branding continue. Calving was 95% complete, and lambing was 96% complete. Hay and roughage supplies were reported to be 8% short, 48% adequate, and 44% surplus.

CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 18, 1999

Crop	North			Southwest			Southcentral			East			State		
	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted	17	30	14	93	95	95	75	84	85	38	23	45	44	39	54
Emerged	5	11	4	75	69	65	41	40	33	5	3	11	14	15	18
Barley															
Planted	20	32	15	95	84	88	65	71	81	14	9	23	28	29	36
Emerged	4	12	4	55	59	56	24	23	26	1	1	4	8	10	11
Potatoes															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	39	14	37	8	17	19	0	0	2	5	6	8
Sugarbeets															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	87	76	86	25	59	63	12	26	52	34	59	69
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	6	23	30	1	8	9	0	0	6	2	11	15

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

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, April 18, 1998 ^{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	-19	1	0	1	0.00	-0.22	0.00	0.08	3.05	
Grangeville	35	16	26	-18	2	0	0	0.00	-0.55	0.00	0.59	3.29	
Lewiston	75	31	52	1	224	40	5	0.00	-0.25	0.09	1.21	1.47	
Sand Point	70	22	43	-2	84	6	0	0.00	-0.49	0.07	3.12	3.59	
Southwest													
Boise	77	29	51	2	223	42	0	0.00	-0.29	0.04	0.97	1.75	
Caldwell	73	27	49	-2	248	41	12	0.00	-0.23	0.00	0.02	1.43	
Mountain Home	66	0	38	-10	142	14	0	0.00	-0.20	0.06	0.40	1.37	
Parma	71	25	48	-2	237	39	1	0.02	-0.19	0.29	1.58	1.45	
Weiser	67	30	48	-1	218	37	0	0.00	-0.19	0.08	0.60	1.46	
Southcentral													
Buhl	65	27	46	-4	170	31	0	0.00	-0.16	0.10	0.82	1.23	
Burley	79	27	49	2	180	25	0	0.00	-0.17	0.21	0.28	1.17	
Hill City	61	16	36	-6	6	0	0	0.00	-0.20	0.00	0.55	1.49	
Hagerman	78	23	46	-8	166	22	32	0.00	-0.11	0.01	0.43	1.27	
Malta	75	19	45	-7	136	23	9	0.00	-0.15	0.02	0.22	1.08	
Twin Falls	73	25	45	-1	149	22	0	0.00	-0.19	0.02	0.55	1.39	
East													
Aberdeen	63	18	41	-3	78	0	0	0.00	-0.16	0.00	0.24	0.97	
Grace	64	15	38	-5	65	1	0	0.00	-0.33	0.00	0.96	1.80	
Idaho Falls	70	16	43	-1	80	4	0	0.00	-0.21	0.24	0.82	1.15	
Malad City	64	24	44	-1	140	14	0	0.00	-0.25	0.00	0.04	1.51	
Pocatello	74	19	44	-1	106	4	0	0.00	-0.25	0.20	0.77	1.65	
Rexburg	68	18	40	-5	48	4	0	0.00	-0.26	0.03	1.06	1.52	
Salmon	73	21	44	0	98	9	0	0.00	-0.20	0.00	0.10	0.72	

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	54	37	62	43	58	42	60	40	58	40	64	44	--	--	59	41
Emmett	62	46	64	49	65	52	65	51	65	53	68	52	68	54	65	51
Parma	52	41	54	42	55	46	55	45	54	44	--	--	--	--	54	44
Sandpoint	46	39	43	41	46	41	47	40	48	41	50	43	52	45	47	41
Twin Falls	48	38	54	37	51	41	52	42	52	40	59	41	57	41	53	40

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

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