



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER



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### Planting Progresses Rapidly

Above normal temperatures across much of the state accelerated spring plantings. Trace amounts of precipitation fell across Southwestern, South-central, and Northern areas. Only Eastern areas experienced substantial precipitation of up to .54 inches. For the week ending April 25, reports indicate that farmers had an average of 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, major activities during the past week included planting small grains, potatoes, dry peas, sugarbeets, and corn, field preparation, hauling seed potatoes, applying fertilizer, fencing, and moving livestock to early pasture.

of Eastern and South-central Idaho continue to indicate vole damage to alfalfa and winter wheat fields. Winter wheat is 19% jointed, while barley is 1% jointed. Cherries, plums, and pears are in bloom. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 7% short, 72% adequate and 21% surplus.

### CROP REPORT

Planting progressed rapidly in the Treasure and Magic Valleys. In these areas potato planting jumped 30 percent from the previous week and ahead of the five year average. Reports out

### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	Planted %			Emerged %		
	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg
Onions	100	94	96	59	37	50
Dry Peas	35	37	28	12	14	11
Oats	31	38	38	6	17	15
Lentils	8	19	17	-	-	-
Corn	14	10	7	-	-	-

### CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	1	11	67	21
Irr. Water Supply	0	0	0	31	69
Pasture & Range	0	1	14	62	23

### LIVESTOCK REPORT

Ranchers have begun moving sheep and cattle to early pasture. Vaccination and branding continue. Calving was 98% complete, and lambing was 97% complete. Hay and roughage supplies were reported to be 8% short, 53% adequate, and 39% surplus.

### CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 25, 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 . . . . .	35	45	27	95	99	98	90	96	95	52	51	60	59	62	67
Emerged . . . . .	12	15	10	88	85	77	76	71	64	12	13	23	27	28	34
Barley															
Planted . . . . .	30	44	27	99	93	94	80	83	90	27	27	40	41	45	51
Emerged . . . . .	8	16	10	87	74	70	62	44	53	3	4	12	19	18	23
Potatoes															
Planted . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	69	36	63	50	34	36	5	5	6	22	15	18
Sugarbeets															
Planted . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	94	89	92	74	78	86	36	59	74	71	78	86
Emerged . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	10	36	48	9	17	19	2	3	15	8	20	27

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

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## Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, April 25, 1999 <sup>1/</sup>

Station	Temperature <sup>2/</sup>				Growing Degree Days <sup>4/</sup>			Precipitation (Inches)					
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. <sup>3/</sup>	40E Base	50E Base To Date Normal		Total	Dept <sup>3/</sup>	Month of April	March 1 To Date Normal		
<b>North</b>													
Coeur D'Alene	36	25	31	-20	1	0	8	0.00	-0.47	0.00	0.08	3.76	
Grangeville	35	16	26	-20	2	0	0	0.00	-0.62	0.00	0.59	4.49	
Lewiston	75	33	54	2	347	71	19	0.10	-0.18	0.62	1.74	1.98	
Sand Point	74	32	48	2	144	13	0	0.39	-0.09	0.81	3.86	4.58	
<b>Southwest</b>													
Boise	74	28	52	2	328	68	2	0.05	-0.23	0.31	1.24	2.32	
Caldwell	79	34	54	1	368	76	36	0.16	-0.07	0.16	0.18	1.89	
Mountain Home	75	27	51	1	263	46	1	0.00	-0.20	0.06	0.40	1.78	
Parma	81	34	55	4	340	60	7	0.02	-0.20	0.31	1.60	1.89	
Weiser	77	35	55	5	346	77	3	0.09	-0.10	0.77	1.29	1.90	
<b>Southcentral</b>													
Buhl	80	29	51	1	246	44	1	0.19	-0.03	0.68	1.40	1.60	
Burley	70	32	50	3	274	50	0	0.40	0.15	1.37	1.44	1.58	
Hill City	64	20	43	-0	34	0	0	0.01	-0.23	0.46	1.01	1.93	
Hagerman	81	28	51	-3	257	44	69	0.02	-0.13	0.50	0.92	1.56	
Malta	72	25	49	-2	201	35	16	0.02	-0.20	0.23	0.43	1.44	
Twin Falls	77	23	49	2	221	39	0	0.14	-0.11	0.51	1.04	1.83	
<b>East</b>													
Aberdeen 5/	70	30	--	--	128	8	0	0.00	-0.23	0.26	0.50	1.35	
Grace	70	27	46	2	105	8	0	0.54	0.20	0.62	1.58	2.46	
Idaho Falls	68	24	47	2	140	10	0	0.15	-0.10	0.73	1.31	1.61	
Malad City	70	34	48	2	220	29	0	0.54	0.24	0.60	0.64	2.07	
Pocatello	68	28	48	1	166	13	0	0.27	-0.04	0.94	1.51	2.19	
Rexburg	68	29	46	-1	98	12	0	0.41	0.12	0.96	1.99	2.07	
Salmon	72	25	47	2	163	23	0	0.03	-0.19	0.03	0.13	1.17	

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 <sup>2/</sup>	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	68	51	66	49	--	--	57	42	60	47	--	--	59	35	62	45
Emmett	71	58	67	59	67	57	66	54	67	53	72	56	75	59	69	57
Parma	61	50	61	54	59	51	57	49	56	48	--	--	62	53	59	51
Sandpoint	53	48	50	48	48	45	46	44	49	43	53	46	56	48	51	46
Twin Falls	60	44	56	45	54	44	--	--	52	45	52	44	53	43	55	44

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

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