



IDAHO CROP WEATHER



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Rains Delay Fieldwork

Southern areas received up to 1.48 inches of rain slowing planting progress while Northern areas received only a few tenths allowing for substantial planting progress of small grains, lentils, and dry peas. Temperatures for the state were near or below normal. For the week ending May 2, reports indicate that farmers had an average of 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork. According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, major activities during the past week included planting small grains, potatoes, dry peas, dry beans, lentils, sugarbeets, and corn, field preparation, cultivating, fertilizing, and moving livestock to early pasture.

tremendous progress planting small grains. In Power County windy conditions blew sugarbeets out of sandy soils. Across the state potato acreage planted progressed 5% from the previous week and lags behind last year and the five year average. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 3% short, 72% adequate and 25% surplus.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	Planted %			Emerged %		
	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg
Onions	100	99	99	93	80	78
Dry Peas	44	73	41	13	20	19
Oats	43	61	53	18	28	23
Lentils	32	37	26	0	4	10
Corn	29	46	23	4	0	0
Dry Beans	1	0	2	-	-	-

CROP REPORT

The showers that fell across Southwest Idaho let up mid-week allowing farmers to wrap-up small grain and sugarbeet planting. Eastern Idaho producers made good progress early in the week nearing completion on sugarbeet planting and making

GRAIN PROGRESS

Percentages	Jointed	Booted
Winter Wheat	32	1
Spring Wheat	5	-
Barley	5	-

CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	2	13	65	20
Irr. Water Supply	0	0	0	29	71
Pasture & Range	0	0	10	72	18

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Ranchers have begun moving sheep and cattle to early pasture. Hay and roughage supplies were reported to be 9% short, 51% adequate, and 40% surplus.

CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 2, 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	64	83	41	100	100	99	93	98	98	76	73	75	79	80	78
Emerged	23	34	19	99	96	91	88	84	82	31	27	38	43	43	49
Barley															
Planted	51	76	39	100	97	98	85	86	94	45	57	59	56	68	65
Emerged	14	34	18	98	92	84	75	55	74	11	16	23	28	30	35
Potatoes															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	93	79	87	55	62	61	9	13	17	27	32	33
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	1	0	7	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1
Sugarbeets															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	97	96	98	81	87	95	99	91	92	87	90	95
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	35	72	69	22	29	29	22	22	31	24	39	41

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

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, May 2, 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 May	March 1 To Date Normal		
North													
Coeur D'Alene	36	25	31	-22	6	0	22	0.00	-0.53	0.00	0.08	4.29	
Grangeville	35	16	26	-21	2	0	0	0.00	-0.68	0.00	0.59	5.17	
Lewiston	67	37	49	-5	408	74	47	0.43	0.15	0.29	2.17	2.26	
Sand Point	69	29	48	-1	199	19	0	0.87	0.33	0.02	4.73	5.12	
Southwest													
Boise	69	36	49	-3	393	80	18	0.79	0.53	0.46	2.03	2.58	
Caldwell	73	37	50	-4	447	97	70	0.12	-0.06	0.00	0.30	2.07	
Mountain Home	66	34	49	-2	327	57	10	0.57	0.39	0.30	0.97	1.96	
Parma	79	36	53	0	431	87	27	0.75	0.55	0.42	2.35	2.09	
Weiser	78	37	53	1	439	107	21	0.10	-0.09	0.07	1.39	2.09	
Southcentral													
Buhl	72	34	48	-2	300	52	2	1.33	1.08	0.65	2.73	1.85	
Burley	64	34	47	-2	325	56	0	1.48	1.22	0.35	2.92	1.84	
Hill City	64	29	46	1	76	2	0	1.16	0.95	0.87	2.17	2.14	
Hagerman	74	20	47	-7	314	56	94	0.70	0.48	0.53	1.62	1.78	
Malta	64	34	46	-5	263	48	21	1.28	1.05	0.00	1.71	1.67	
Twin Falls	70	32	47	-2	272	48	0	1.31	1.06	0.48	2.35	2.08	
East													
Aberdeen 5/	71	31	47	1	170	10	0	0.65	0.40	0.00	1.15	1.60	
Grace	61	34	47	1	145	8	0	0.89	0.57	0.00	2.47	2.77	
Idaho Falls	64	31	47	-0	190	13	0	1.23	0.97	0.10	2.54	1.87	
Malad City	59	39	48	-0	271	31	0	0.49	0.18	0.00	1.13	2.38	
Pocatello	65	33	46	-3	208	17	0	1.46	1.16	0.41	2.97	2.49	
Rexburg	66	33	48	0	151	12	0	0.63	0.30	0.20	2.62	2.41	
Salmon	73	34	50	3	229	39	0	0.04	-0.20	0.00	0.17	1.41	

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	62	50	60	45	66	46	51	37	46	46	52	45	58	47	56	45
Emmett	75	60	72	54	70	56	66	57	60	53	68	53	68	60	68	56
Parma	65	52	59	50	58	50	55	49	55	49	60	52	59	55	59	51
Sandpoint	53	49	51	46	52	46	49	46	48	46	54	45	49	44	51	46
Twin Falls	58	45	57	46	62	44	46	42	46	41	47	43	51	42	52	43

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