



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER



## Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service

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### Harvest Progresses

Excellent harvest conditions across Southern Idaho boosted small grain harvest. In Northern areas continued rain showers delayed harvesting most of the week. The Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service reports farmers had an average of 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Agricultural activities for the week ending August 22, included monitoring for insects, preparing for potato harvest, and harvesting cereal grains, hay, mint, lentils, dry peas, oats, onions, hops, sweet corn, and peaches.

#### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	1999	1998	Avg.
Potatoes with Vines Dead/Kill	6	7	12
Mint Harvested	69	72	77
Peaches Harvested	4	7	7
Dry Peas Harvested	42	76	60
Oats Harvested for Grain	3	2	5
Lentils Harvested	34	39	38
Prunes & Plums Harvested	37	26	22
Hops Harvested	40	37	40
Sweet Corn Harvested	99	--	--
Dry Beans Harvested	99	--	--
Onions Harvested	23	25	48
Spring Wheat Turning Color	13	6	13
Barley Turning Color	4	2	2

#### CROP REPORT

Harvest of Norkotah potatoes has begun across the Southern region of the state. Nearly 2% of the state's potato crop has been harvested. In Southwestern and South-central areas many producers have begun harvesting a 4<sup>th</sup> cutting alfalfa. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 8% very short, 33% short, 58% adequate, and 1% surplus.

#### LIVESTOCK REPORT

Range and Pasture conditions declined slightly from the previous week to mostly fair. Cattle and sheep remain in good condition across the state.

#### CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	3	22	59	16
Irr. Water Supply	0	1	7	27	65
Pasture & Range	0	10	41	37	12
Spring Wheat	0	1	15	68	16
Barley	0	3	20	58	19
Potatoes	0	0	9	73	18

#### CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 22, 1999

Crop	North			Southwest			Southcentral			East			State		
	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Harvested . . . . .	45	81	63	96	98	96	89	94	85	55	67	66	61	81	71
Spring Wheat															
Harvested . . . . .	12	53	35	90	90	90	45	84	67	24	35	32	29	49	43
Barley															
Harvested . . . . .	15	61	37	91	95	93	76	86	73	15	35	36	30	52	47
Alfalfa Hay															
Harvested (2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting)	65	79	81	100	100	99	100	100	99	85	81	75	91	90	87
Harvested (3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting)	NA	NA	NA	78	40	37	43	43	33	7	8	5	36	26	20

Avg (1994-1998).

WEATHER DATA  
NOT  
AVAILABLE