



IDAHO CROP WEATHER



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COOL AND DRY

A cold front moving across the state dipped temperatures well below normal early in the week. South-central and Eastern Idaho reported temperatures into the teens. Precipitation totals were minimal statewide. According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service farmers had an average of 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Agricultural activities for the week ending October 3 included preparing seedbeds and fertilizing for fall planted grains, chopping corn silage, and harvesting potatoes, sugarbeets, and other row crops.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	1999	1998	Avg.
Potatoes with Vines Dead/Kill	96	94	97
Mint Harvested	100	99	99
Onions Harvested	73	54	74
Dry Beans Harvested	95	83	84
Corn Harvested for Silage	73	57	67
Sweet Corn Harvested	98	95	95
Corn Harvested for Grain	6	5	4
Oats Harvested for Grain	99	99	95
Peaches Harvested	99	91	97
Prunes & Plums Harvested	95	68	91
Apples Harvested	19	22	33
Hops Harvested	98	93	98

CROP REPORT

The cool night temperatures were not enough to hurt the states potato crop as a majority of the crop is still reported in good condition. Frost conditions in Eastern Idaho forced producers to delay potato harvest until late morning. Across the state planting of winter cereals continues with many dryland farmers hoping for rain. All fruit harvest is complete except for apples and pears. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture declined to 12% very short, 40% short, and 48% adequate.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Cattle and sheep are reported in good condition having faired well on summer range. Livestock producers are sorting cattle and weaning calves as they are brought down from the high elevations.

CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Irr. Water Supply	0	1	5	39	55
Pasture & Range	5	21	32	40	2
Potatoes	0	2	11	80	7

CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 1999

Crop	North			Southwest			Southcentral			East			State		
	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	27	36	36	14	19	22	44	54	57	62	61	67	40	45	48
Emerged	4	4	6	3	6	7	9	14	18	29	32	34	13	15	17
Barley															
Harvested	100	100	99	100	100	100	100	100	99	96	99	98	98	99	98
Alfalfa Hay															
Harvested (3 rd Cutting)	NA	NA	NA	100	98	97	100	100	97	89	81	73	95	91	86
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	68	48	67	45	37	38	31	30	35	37	33	38
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	3	6	3	17	11	15	19	20	21	15	12	13

Avg (1994-1998).

Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, October 3, 1999 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40E Base	50E Base		Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of October	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Lewiston	80	35	55	-4	4470	2624	2724	0.00	-0.16	0.00	4.85	7.04
Sand Point	66	25	44	-7	2999	1428	1451	0.28	-0.11	0.00	12.63	14.52
Southwest												
Boise	80	31	54	-4	4581	2784	2570	0.00	-0.15	0.00	3.25	6.02
Caldwell 5/	79	28	52	-6	4355	2516	2861	0.00	-0.12	0.00	0.58	5.06
Mountain Home 5/	84	25	52	-5	4344	2640	2530	0.00	-0.11	0.00	2.44	5.00
Parma	79	29	51	-5	4417	2598	2404	0.00	-0.13	0.00	3.36	5.60
Weiser	77	33	52	-4	4604	2775	2441	0.00	-0.11	0.00	4.01	4.98
Southcentral												
Buhl	80	30	51	-4	4179	2490	2087	0.00	-0.11	0.00	3.75	5.09
Burley	81	30	52	-2	4286	2542	1975	0.00	-0.12	0.00	6.06	5.37
Hill City	74	14	45	-6	2760	1334	1312	0.00	-0.14	0.00	6.33	5.88
Hagerman	83	27	51	-6	4066	2347	2643	0.00	-0.10	0.00	2.90	4.61
Malta 5/	73	21	46	-8	3523	1879	1820	0.00	-0.10	0.00	6.25	6.04
Twin Falls	78	25	48	-7	3648	2019	1873	0.00	-0.15	0.00	5.50	5.52
East												
Aberdeen 5/	76	19	--	--	3276	1683	1600	0.00	-0.15	0.00	4.40	5.70
Grace 5/	72	21	46	-6	3197	1690	1409	0.00	-0.29	0.00	10.62	9.83
Idaho Falls	73	18	45	-7	3152	1576	1707	0.00	-0.21	0.00	7.64	6.69
Malad City 5/	76	21	49	-4	3967	2347	1870	0.00	-0.25	0.00	6.64	8.88
Pocatello	77	22	47	-7	3512	1907	1968	0.00	-0.20	0.00	6.90	7.09
Rexburg	72	21	44	-7	3042	1532	1576	0.00	-0.24	0.00	9.40	8.40
Salmon 5/	73	19	44	-8	3262	1672	1716	0.00	-0.18	0.00	1.63	7.05

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	68	50	66	58	66	47	60	48	73	52	69	51	68	50	67	51
Emmett	74	63	72	60	71	58	72	59	74	61	73	62	72	61	73	61
Parma	63	51	57	49	62	49	63	49	60	51	60	52	60	54	61	51
Sandpoint	55	46	54	46	54	46	55	49	56	47	54	46	53	45	54	46
Twin Falls	63	49	51	45	53	43	57	43	59	45	55	45	56	44	56	45

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