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HIGH WINDS DAMAGE WINTER WHEAT

High winds damaged winter wheat and dried soil in Eastern Idaho. Replanting will be necessary in some fields. Temperatures across the state were above average and ranged between 53 to 87 degrees during the day and 19 to 36 degrees at night. For the week ending April 9, reports indicate that farmers had an average of 6.0 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, lentils and sugarbeets, soil preparation, sorting and shipping seed potatoes, applying fertilizer, and preparing irrigation systems.

Planting of spring wheat, barley, potatoes, and sugarbeets are progressing ahead of last year and the five year average. Plum trees in Gem county are in full bloom and peach trees are starting to bloom. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 2% very short, 15% short, 63% adequate and 20% surplus.

CROP REPORT

Some winter wheat in the Treasure Valley was reported to be deficient of nitrogen. This may be due to growers delaying nitrogen applications until the spring rather than in the fall.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	Planted %		
	2000	1999	Avg.
Onions	64	79	73
Dry Peas	7	14	9
Oats	5	8	10
Lentils	0	0	1

CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	3	19	64	14
Irr. Water Supply	0	2	15	37	46
Range & Pasture	4	5	33	48	10

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Livestock conditions were reported to be good for the week ending April 9. Ranchers are branding cattle. Calving was 92% complete, and lambing was 92% complete. Hay and roughage supplies were reported to be 12% very short, 13% short, 68% adequate, and 7% surplus.

CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 9, 2000

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted	25	7	7	73	83	82	82	62	60	27	18	17	39	27	28
Emerged	0	2	2	5	54	45	13	17	14	1	1	2	3	6	6
Barley															
Planted	20	7	6	72	74	70	51	53	57	9	7	5	22	19	19
Emerged	0	2	1	1	30	33	7	11	12	0	1	0	2	4	5
Potatoes															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	26	8	13	12	3	3	1	0	0	6	2	2
Sugarbeets															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	72	57	64	40	15	22	46	6	13	47	21	35
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	10	3	13	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	4

Avg (1995-1999); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, April 9, 2000 ^{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	70	27	45	-1	100	9	0	0.00	-0.26	0.00	2.74	2.99
Lewiston	77	36	53	4	262	38	0	0.00	-0.24	0.00	1.35	1.39
Sand Point	63	25	43	0	63	1	0	0.12	-0.40	0.12	3.55	3.47
Southwest												
Boise	79	32	53	6	234	38	0	0.25	-0.04	0.25	2.74	1.67
Caldwell	82	30	55	5	274	62	1	0.00	-0.24	0.00	1.51	1.37
Emmett	79	31	51	2	200	27	0	0.00	-0.28	0.00	1.62	1.65
Mountain Home	81	28	52	6	174	22	0	0.00	-0.23	0.00	1.45	1.33
Parma	87	29	53	5	233	36	0	0.00	-0.22	0.00	1.46	1.40
Weiser 5/	82	34	--	--	244	42	0	0.83	0.56	0.83	2.05	1.46
Southcentral												
Buhl	79	29	51	6	157	22	0	0.10	-0.07	0.10	1.28	1.18
Burley	77	29	53	8	182	26	0	0.06	-0.11	0.06	0.33	1.12
Hill City 5/	53	23	--	--	35	6	0	0.00	-0.22	0.00	0.92	1.45
Hagerman	80	27	52	1	196	30	5	0.13	-0.03	0.13	0.91	1.26
Malta	81	23	50	3	161	33	0	0.00	-0.15	0.00	0.14	1.03
Twin Falls	77	29	49	6	158	19	0	0.02	-0.19	0.02	1.66	1.34
East												
Aberdeen 5/	74	20	--	--	55	5	0	0.00	-0.16	0.00	0.22	0.92
Grace 5/	70	19	44	5	84	15	0	0.00	-0.31	0.00	0.98	1.70
Idaho Falls	73	17	44	3	58	0	0	0.00	-0.22	0.00	0.91	1.10
Malad City	78	30	53	10	202	40	0	0.00	-0.26	0.00	0.01	1.44
Pocatello	76	20	47	4	89	6	0	0.00	-0.25	0.00	0.83	1.57
Rexburg	73	21	43	3	50	0	0	0.00	-0.26	0.00	0.24	1.45
Salmon	73	25	47	4	118	12	0	0.00	-0.24	0.00	0.11	0.69

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	61	43	62	46	66	50	64	49	60	45	64	44	63	50	63	47
Emmett	--	--	--	--	66	55	66	55	63	53	64	53	65	53	65	54
Parma	49	45	49	47	52	49	52	50	50	48	47	45	50	48	50	47
Sandpoint	50	42	51	43	47	40	43	41	43	37	47	37	50	39	47	40
Twin Falls	--	--	49	39	57	42	51	40	53	43	54	43	55	43	53	42

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