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## RANGE & PASTURE CONDITIONS DECLINING

Range and Pasture conditions are declining across the state due to extreme dry weather and fires started by lightning strikes. Meanwhile, winter wheat, spring wheat, barley, and potatoes are reported in mostly good condition throughout the state. Statewide, for the week ending August 6, reports indicate that farmers had an average of 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork. According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, major activities during the past week involved, irrigating, weed control, monitoring for disease and pests, harvesting small grains, peaches, mint, dry peas, lentils, sweet corn for processing and hay.

### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	2000	1999	Avg.
Oats Harvested	7	11	7
Potatoes Closing Middles	97	96	95
Potatoes Vines Dying/Killed	2	1	1
Mint Harvested	81	15	38
Spring Wheat Turning Color	91	74	80
Barley Turning Color	86	70	71
Peaches Harvested	36	13	18
Dry Peas Harvested	32	25	22
Lentils Harvested	10	10	4
Onions Harvested	0	2	1
Prunes & Plums Harvested	0	3	2
Sweet Corn for Processing	5	3	3

### CROP REPORT

The harvest of lentils is well under way in Northern areas and one quarter of the state's 3<sup>d</sup> cutting of alfalfa hay has been harvested. County Extension Educators in Power County reported that fires damaged fall range and some grain. Dry lightning has sparked some wild fires on rangeland in southern Twin Falls County. Statewide, reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 32% very short, 37% short, and 31% adequate.

### LIVESTOCK REPORT

Livestock are doing fine, however fires in Bingham County continue to force some cattle off grazing areas. Cattle in Lemhi County will be moved off grazing areas within the next two weeks.

### CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	1	2	21	55	21
Irr. Water Supply	9	18	27	31	15
Range & Pasture	21	31	38	9	1
Spring Wheat	1	3	27	59	10
Barley	1	6	24	61	8
Potatoes	0	1	6	61	32

### CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 6, 2000

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Harvested . . . . .	22	15	15	60	30	45	67	6	23	38	6	12	37	12	18
Spring Wheat															
Harvested . . . . .	8	4	3	19	15	22	9	3	8	8	10	4	9	8	6
Barley															
Harvested . . . . .	10	5	5	27	29	44	49	3	13	8	3	4	18	4	8
Alfalfa Hay															
Harvested (2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting)	35	13	37	100	96	93	93	95	89	72	54	43	81	72	65
Harvested (3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting)	NA	NA	NA	54	32	16	37	11	7	5	2	1	27	12	6

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

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## Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, August 6, 2000 <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 August	March 1 To Date Normal	
<b>North</b>												
Coeur D'Alene	97	52	75	6	2342	1166	1167	0.00	-0.13	0.00	9.00	10.21
Lewiston	102	60	81	5	3216	1830	1714	0.00	-0.10	0.00	5.08	5.51
Sand Point 5/	96	50	72	6	2114	999	946	0.64	0.47	0.00	12.50	11.22
<b>Southwest</b>												
Boise	102	63	83	7	3383	2024	1628	0.01	-0.06	0.01	3.71	4.80
Caldwell	100	54	81	4	3371	1987	1884	0.00	-0.05	0.00	2.62	3.95
Emmett	101	60	81	7	3175	1841	1649	0.00	-0.04	0.00	3.25	4.64
Mountain Home	108	54	83	7	3458	2094	1609	0.09	0.01	0.09	2.93	3.91
Parma 5/	102	60	--	--	3329	1958	1572	0.00	-0.05	0.00	2.84	4.30
Weiser 5/	105	64	85	11	3471	2092	1601	0.00	-0.05	0.00	2.79	4.03
<b>Southcentral</b>												
Buhl	102	61	82	9	3180	1878	1305	0.02	-0.06	0.02	2.77	4.06
Burley	106	55	80	9	3206	1883	1267	0.01	-0.09	0.01	2.48	4.23
Hill City	99	45	73	6	2016	961	828	0.20	0.13	0.20	2.77	4.70
Hagerman 5/	107	56	--	--	3301	1954	1775	0.00	-0.09	0.00	1.70	3.64
Malta 5/	104	52	78	9	2780	1511	1213	0.02	-0.15	0.02	2.65	4.78
Twin Falls	99	52	76	6	2808	1543	1198	0.04	-0.03	0.03	2.73	4.36
<b>East</b>												
Aberdeen 5/	102	44	73	5	2400	1255	1048	0.00	-0.12	0.00	2.03	4.36
Grace	102	45	74	7	2368	1226	894	0.57	0.38	0.26	5.56	7.27
Idaho Falls	100	45	72	3	2373	1216	1106	0.18	0.08	0.18	4.90	5.12
Malad City	102	55	83	12	3130	1946	1185	0.00	-0.21	0.00	2.23	6.82
Pocatello	103	52	77	6	2710	1494	1250	0.00	-0.13	0.00	2.74	5.55
Rexburg	99	49	73	5	2342	1210	1001	0.00	-0.10	0.00	1.56	6.68
Salmon	97	46	73	4	2445	1233	1122	0.15	0.04	0.15	1.22	5.36

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

Emmett Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average <sup>1</sup>	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	92	72	92	72	91	74	90	74	90	72	--	--	89	70	91	72
Emmett	91	82	89	82	93	81	95	82	--	--	93	84	95	83	93	82
Parma	69	68	70	69	70	69	70	68	--	--	--	--	--	--	70	69
Sandpoint	80	69	81	70	80	69	80	68	80	68	79	69	80	68	80	69
Twin Falls	81	66	80	68	79	69	--	--	78	68	81	67	82	67	80	68

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

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