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## HARVEST PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

Continued hot and dry weather has made for perfect harvest conditions this past week. The harvest of most crops throughout the state, is progressing rapidly ahead of last year and the five year average. Statewide, for the week ending August 13, 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, prunes and plums, mint, dry peas, lentils, sweet corn for processing, potatoes, dry beans and hay.

### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	2000	1999	Avg.
Oats Harvested	17	22	16
Potatoes Vines Dying/Killed	7	4	3
Mint Harvested	82	32	55
Spring Wheat Turning Color	99	92	91
Barley Turning Color	99	88	89
Peaches Harvested	37	17	29
Dry Peas Harvested	64	29	30
Lentils Harvested	48	19	11
Onions Harvested	0	3	2
Prunes & Plums Harvested	6	7	6
Sweet Corn Harvested	14	20	11
Dry Beans Harvested	3	1	1

### CROP REPORT

The 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting of alfalfa hay is near completion across the state, while the 3<sup>rd</sup> cutting is nearly half harvested. Camas County Extension Educators reported that grasshoppers in the Hill City area are damaging crops and Extension Educators in Bingham County reported that grasshoppers damaged some alfalfa fields. A five thousand acre fire west of Paul was reported by Extension Educators in Minidoka County. Statewide, reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 37% very short, 34% short, and 29% adequate.

### LIVESTOCK REPORT

Camas County cattlemen are starting to remove their cattle from their summer pastures. County Extension Educators reported cattle losses due to fires in southern Jerome County.

### CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	1	2	20	56	21
Irr. Water Supply	9	20	28	29	14
Range & Pasture	25	34	33	8	0
Spring Wheat	1	4	27	58	10
Barley	1	7	27	56	9
Potatoes	0	1	6	61	32

### CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13, 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 . . . . .	56	22	25	100	69	76	79	23	49	69	20	29	68	27	36
Spring Wheat															
Harvested . . . . .	20	7	7	73	45	49	32	10	24	28	16	10	29	15	15
Barley															
Harvested . . . . .	17	7	10	76	64	68	58	20	35	21	6	9	31	11	17
Potatoes															
Harvested . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	7	4	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Alfalfa Hay															
Harvested (2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting)	69	43	54	100	99	97	97	99	96	90	70	59	93	83	77
Harvested (3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting)	NA	NA	NA	83	54	31	53	20	17	8	3	2	41	21	13

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

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## Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, August 13, 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	95	39	71	3	2558	1312	1292	0.00	-0.29	0.00	9.00	10.50	
Lewiston	100	55	77	1	3475	2020	1894	0.00	-0.12	0.00	5.08	5.63	
Sand Point	93	41	69	4	2320	1134	1056	0.01	-0.27	0.01	12.51	11.50	
<b>Southwest</b>													
Boise	102	57	80	5	3660	2232	1799	0.00	-0.10	0.01	3.71	4.91	
Caldwell	100	52	77	1	3628	2174	2063	0.00	-0.11	0.00	2.62	4.05	
Emmett	102	56	78	5	3443	2038	1812	0.00	-0.10	0.00	3.25	4.74	
Mountain Home	104	54	77	3	3720	2286	1781	0.00	-0.09	0.09	2.93	4.00	
Parma 5/	102	51	77	4	3585	2143	1731	0.00	-0.13	0.00	2.84	4.43	
Weiser	104	59	81	9	3763	2314	1760	0.00	-0.07	0.00	2.79	4.10	
<b>Southcentral</b>													
Buhl	102	53	77	5	3436	2065	1454	0.00	-0.12	0.02	2.77	4.18	
Burley	102	49	78	8	3469	2076	1406	0.00	-0.12	0.01	2.48	4.34	
Hill City	96	42	70	3	2239	1108	940	0.00	-0.11	0.20	2.77	4.80	
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	3558	2141	1933	0.00	-0.13	0.00	1.70	3.77	
Malta	97	45	74	7	3018	1679	1332	0.00	-0.14	0.02	2.65	4.92	
Twin Falls	98	46	73	4	3042	1706	1332	0.00	-0.10	0.03	2.73	4.46	
<b>East</b>													
Aberdeen	97	37	71	3	2614	1399	1168	0.00	-0.14	0.00	2.03	4.50	
Grace	97	41	75	9	2616	1403	1003	0.00	-0.23	0.26	5.56	7.50	
Idaho Falls	96	37	70	1	2580	1353	1234	0.02	-0.13	0.20	4.92	5.27	
Malad City	98	57	82	12	3422	2168	1321	0.00	-0.21	0.00	2.23	7.03	
Pocatello	99	42	75	4	2952	1666	1392	0.00	-0.16	0.00	2.74	5.71	
Rexburg	95	42	70	3	2555	1353	1122	0.00	-0.12	0.00	1.56	6.80	
Salmon	95	43	69	0	2648	1366	1255	0.00	-0.17	0.15	1.22	5.54	

<sup>1/</sup> 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. <sup>2/</sup>-- indicate missing or incomplete data. <sup>3/</sup> Departure from normal. <sup>4/</sup> Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. <sup>5/</sup> 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	86	70	90	70	91	70	90	72	92	72	89	68	89	68	90	70
Emmett	93	82	95	82	94	82	95	83	97	85	95	83	94	81	95	83
Parma	70	69	71	70	72	68	71	69	71	70	70	69	--	--	71	69
Sandpoint	79	70	80	69	81	69	--	--	78	70	75	65	76	64	78	68
Twin Falls	80	67	83	68	91	70	80	70	79	65	73	62	78	64	81	67

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

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