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WILDFIRE DAMAGE

Wildfires continue to burn and damage crops and livestock throughout the state. Several acres of hay as well as fall and winter pasture have burned in Idaho County. Jerome County also reported fire damage to hay, as well as some grain and outbuildings. Statewide, for the week ending August 20, reports indicate that farmers had an average of 6.9 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, moving livestock to alternate grazing areas, harvesting small grains, peaches, prunes and plums, apples, mint, dry peas, lentils, sweet corn, potatoes, dry beans and hay.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	2000	1999	Avg.
Oats Harvested	32	36	29
Potatoes Vines Dying/Killed	15	6	7
Mint Harvested	87	60	68
Peaches Harvested	50	22	37
Dry Peas Harvested	83	39	46
Lentils Harvested	79	31	23
Onions Harvested	6	4	5
Prunes & Plums Harvested	11	12	12
Sweet Corn Harvested	23	34	18
Dry Beans Harvested	8	2	3
Apples Harvested	6	0	0

CROP REPORT

Dry weather conditions have enabled producers to make rapid harvest progress across the state. Most crops are ahead of last year and the five year average. The state's 2nd cutting of alfalfa hay is near completion, while the 3rd cutting is half harvested. Grasshoppers were reported to be abundant in Fremont County. Statewide, reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 40% very short, 36% short, and 24% adequate.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Jerome County Extension Educators reported that numerous cattle were killed by fires in the Dietrich area last week. Fires have forced ranchers in Bingham and Lemhi Counties to move their cattle to alternate grazing areas.

CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Irr. Water	10	20	31	25	14
Range & Pasture	26	37	30	7	0
Potatoes	0	2	15	56	27

CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 20, 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	85	39	46	100	92	93	97	72	77	87	46	54	89	53	59
Spring Wheat Harvested	51	11	18	91	80	83	58	36	50	51	22	21	54	25	31
Barley Harvested	47	13	20	91	87	88	78	62	62	45	13	22	55	25	33
Potatoes Harvested	NA	NA	NA	8	9	7	3	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1
Alfalfa Hay Harvested (2 nd cutting)	85	62	72	100	100	99	100	100	99	96	82	72	97	90	85
Harvested (3 rd cutting)	NA	NA	NA	88	73	42	69	37	30	18	6	4	52	33	21

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

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, August 20, 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 August	March 1 To Date Normal		
North													
Coeur D'Alene	88	39	63	-1	2722	1405	1394	0.00	-0.93	0.00	9.00	11.43	
Lewiston	90	52	69	-4	3680	2154	2058	0.00	-0.19	0.00	5.08	5.82	
Sand Point	84	38	62	-2	2472	1217	1155	0.00	-0.42	0.01	12.51	11.91	
Southwest													
Boise	93	53	72	-1	3882	2383	1956	0.00	-0.13	0.01	3.71	5.04	
Caldwell	91	48	72	-2	3849	2325	2226	0.00	-0.14	0.00	2.62	4.20	
Emmett	94	53	72	1	3667	2192	1962	0.00	-0.15	0.00	3.25	4.89	
Mountain Home	99	52	73	0	3950	2446	1939	0.00	-0.16	0.09	2.93	4.16	
Parma 5/	95	52	--	--	3808	2296	1876	0.00	-0.20	0.00	2.84	4.62	
Weiser	95	54	74	4	4004	2485	1904	0.00	-0.13	0.00	2.79	4.23	
Southcentral													
Buhl	93	56	73	4	3665	2224	1586	0.00	-0.14	0.02	2.77	4.32	
Burley	98	50	73	4	3696	2234	1532	0.01	-0.15	0.02	2.49	4.50	
Hill City	88	40	64	-0	2408	1207	1038	0.00	-0.17	0.20	2.77	4.97	
Hagerman 5/	96	47	72	1	3781	2294	2080	0.00	-0.16	0.00	1.70	3.94	
Malta	91	43	68	3	3213	1804	1438	0.00	-0.16	0.02	2.65	5.08	
Twin Falls	92	45	68	1	3236	1831	1453	0.00	-0.14	0.03	2.73	4.60	
East													
Aberdeen	93	39	66	1	2801	1516	1277	0.03	-0.15	0.03	2.06	4.68	
Grace	97	40	69	4	2816	1533	1103	0.22	-0.12	0.48	5.78	7.84	
Idaho Falls	91	39	67	0	2767	1470	1348	0.04	-0.16	0.24	4.96	5.47	
Malad City	99	52	79	11	3665	2341	1445	0.00	-0.29	0.00	2.23	7.32	
Pocatello	92	43	69	1	3157	1800	1521	0.02	-0.18	0.02	2.76	5.91	
Rexburg	91	43	67	2	2746	1474	1230	0.05	-0.15	0.05	1.61	7.00	
Salmon	91	45	66	-2	2827	1476	1375	0.00	-0.21	0.15	1.22	5.74	

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 ¹	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	89	68	88	78	87	78	89	78	86	77	87	78	--	--	88	76
Emmett	94	81	92	81	91	79	90	77	91	78	--	--	91	78	92	79
Parma	69	68	69	67	67	66	--	--	65	68	--	--	--	--	68	67
Sandpoint	75	64	74	63	73	63	74	62	74	63	73	63	67	57	73	62
Twin Falls	80	64	82	66	0		83	67	83	70	77	62	73	59	68	55

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

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