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RAIN SLOWS HARVEST

Much needed rain showers were welcomed by producers across the state. In Eastern areas, some haying and grain harvest was slowed by rain towards the end of the week. All weather stations reported precipitation except for Coeur D'Alene, Parma, Weiser, and Aberdeen. The Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service reports farmers had an average of 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Agricultural activities for the week ending September 3 included irrigating, moving livestock off summer range, killing potato vines, preparing fields for fall grain seeding, harvesting small grains, hay, mint, lentils, dry peas, sweet corn, potatoes, dry beans, onions, corn for silage, and fruit.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	2000	1999	Avg.
Onions Harvested	11	7	15
Potatoes Vines Dying/Killed	45	16	20
Dry Peas Harvested	97	83	80
Lentils Harvested	97	74	59
Oats Harvested for Grain	83	61	60
Dry Beans Harvested	28	11	11
Peaches Harvested	80	56	62
Prunes & Plums Harvested	71	37	40
Apples Harvested	20	3	4
Mint Harvested	100	75	82
Sweet Corn Harvested	66	58	49
Corn Harvested for Silage	9	8	4

CROP REPORT

County Extension Educators in Blaine County reported late season grasshoppers feeding on hay. The harvest of spring wheat and barley is near completion throughout the state. Statewide, nearly three fourths of the 3rd cutting of alfalfa has been harvested, while 12 percent of the 4th cutting has been harvested. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 30% very short, 37% short, and 33% adequate, still the lowest levels reported since 1994.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Range and pasture remains in mostly poor condition despite the rain received last week. Rain showers have reduced fire danger across the state. Ranchers continue to move livestock off summer range.

CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Irr. Water Supply	11	21	28	27	13
Range & Pasture	29	34	32	5	0
Potatoes	0	3	13	56	28

CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3, 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	99	80	91	100	99	99	100	99	97	100	82	88	100	86	92
Planted	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	1	1	1
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	92	46	60	100	99	99	100	77	84	88	54	62	91	59	68
Barley															
Harvested	93	50	62	100	99	99	97	94	92	86	46	58	90	58	68
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	19	13	13	12	8	6	4	2	2	7	4	4
Alfalfa Hay															
Harvested (3 rd cutting)	NA	NA	NA	97	93	64	87	69	59	47	15	14	72	51	39

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

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