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Warm Dry Weather

Warm dry weather this past week made for excellent harvest conditions across the state. Above normal temperatures were reported by all weather stations and minimal precipitation was received, with North Idaho receiving the largest amount. Potato harvest is gaining momentum in the Treasure and Magic Valleys, while harvest in Eastern areas is well underway. The Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service reports farmers had an average of 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Agricultural activities for the week ending September 17 included monitoring for disease, killing potato vines, fall field work, harvesting small grains, hay, sweet corn, potatoes, dry beans, onions, corn for silage, and fruit.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	2000	1999	Avg.
Onions Harvested	33	42	37
Potatoes Vines Dying/Killed	78	58	61
Oats Harvested for Grain	96	84	81
Dry Beans Harvested	50	66	46
Peaches Harvested	94	77	83
Prunes & Plums Harvested	82	56	61
Apples Harvested	25	8	11
Sweet Corn Harvested	78	74	80
Corn Harvested for Silage	27	34	25
Corn Harvested for Grain	0	1	1

CROP REPORT

Fruit harvest in the Treasure Valley is progressing rapidly ahead of last year and the five year average. The harvest of peaches is near completion, while over three fourths of the prunes and plums and a quarter of the apples have been harvested. County Extension Educators in Fremont County reported that grasshoppers are still a nuisance, but there has not been much damage. Statewide, 87 percent of the 3rd cutting of alfalfa hay has been harvested, while 66 percent of the 4th cutting has been harvested. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 23% very short, 41% short, and 36% adequate.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Livestock being brought down from the high country were reported in good condition. Ranchers are also pregnancy checking cows, weaning, vaccinating, and marketing livestock.

CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Irr. Water	11	21	30	25	13
Range & Pasture	24	40	32	4	0
Potatoes	0	2	16	52	30

CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 17, 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															
Planted	8	4	3	0	5	5	4	6	17	37	19	30	16	9	15
Emerged	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	3	5	6	1	1	2
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	34	38	33	21	20	15	9	7	8	14	13	12
Alfalfa Hay															
Harvested (3 rd cutting)	NA	NA	NA	100	99	84	100	90	80	69	52	40	87	75	62
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	6	4	0	3	3

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

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, September 17, 2000 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)					
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base		Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of September	March 1		
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal	
North													
Coeur D'Alene 5/	82	48	--	--	3330	1734	1748	0.37	0.17	0.68	9.68	12.83	
Lewiston	96	53	71	7	4434	2628	2556	0.00	-0.19	1.25	6.42	6.64	
Sand Point	82	43	60	4	3000	1465	1415	0.01	-0.37	1.36	14.00	13.53	
Southwest													
Boise	101	48	73	10	4670	2892	2422	0.00	-0.20	0.58	4.38	5.63	
Caldwell 5/	97	46	--	--	4608	2804	2713	0.00	-0.19	0.17	2.79	4.73	
Emmett 5/	91	52	--	--	4409	2654	2413	0.00	-0.23	0.63	3.88	5.51	
Mountain Home	102	48	73	11	4723	2939	2396	0.00	-0.19	0.65	3.65	4.69	
Parma 5/	95	41	--	--	4538	2746	2291	0.00	-0.21	0.90	3.76	5.22	
Weiser 5/	98	43	71	10	4751	2952	2329	0.00	-0.15	0.28	3.09	4.70	
Southcentral													
Buhl	98	44	71	11	4423	2702	1988	0.00	-0.14	0.47	3.24	4.84	
Burley	99	49	72	13	4468	2724	1889	0.01	-0.15	0.28	2.80	5.06	
Hill City 5/	--	--	--	--	3028	1549	1289	0.00	-0.19	1.05	3.82	5.54	
Hagerman	100	39	70	9	4522	2754	2519	0.00	-0.09	1.42	3.12	4.40	
Malta 5/	95	48	72	16	3871	2202	1748	0.00	-0.17	0.39	3.12	5.75	
Twin Falls	96	41	69	11	3903	2218	1792	0.00	-0.17	0.61	3.41	5.15	
East													
Aberdeen 5/	83	42	--	--	3445	1880	1565	0.00	-0.20	0.01	2.08	5.34	
Grace	92	40	66	10	3423	1864	1374	0.02	-0.33	0.33	8.62	9.12	
Idaho Falls	91	41	65	8	3384	1806	1662	0.00	-0.21	0.75	5.83	6.23	
Malad City	94	46	73	15	4433	2829	1800	0.00	-0.28	0.00	2.72	8.30	
Pocatello	96	44	68	9	3868	2232	1890	0.00	-0.20	1.31	4.17	6.63	
Rexburg	91	44	67	10	3385	1835	1538	0.00	-0.26	0.37	1.98	7.85	
Salmon 5/	88	45	--	--	3453	1823	1656	0.00	-0.29	0.24	1.46	6.63	

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 and temperature 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 ¹	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	78	55	--	--	82	60	82	63	83	64	84	66	84	65	82	62
Emmett	68	62	--	--	80	67	81	70	83	71	82	72	82	72	79	69
Parma	60	59	--	--	61	58	62	58	63	61	--	--	--	--	62	59
Sandpoint	56	51	--	--	63	53	--	--	--	--	63	59	67	58	62	55
Twin Falls	68	51	--	--	74	61	75	62	77	62	77	63	76	66	75	61

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

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