



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER



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## Harvest Nears Completion

### Agricultural Summary

Harvest activities are wrapping up across most of the state. Onions, sweet corn, dry beans, corn for silage and potato harvest are nearly complete with only minor acreage left to be harvested. Sugarbeets and corn for grain continue to be harvested and are ahead of last year and the five year average. According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service major farm activities for the week ending October 21 included fall field work, planting winter wheat, chopping corn for silage, harvesting potatoes, sugarbeets, hay, onions, apples, sweet corn, dry beans, and corn for grain.

### Field Crop Report

Statewide, the third cutting of alfalfa hay has been completed, while the fourth cutting nears completion at 97%. Recent rains have been beneficial for crop germination and growth. Over three fourths of the states winter wheat has been planted and nearly one half of the crop has emerged.

### Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops Report

The harvest of apples is also wrapping up throughout the state as reports indicate that 99% of the crop has been harvested.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 40% very short, 36% short, and 24% adequate. Most precipitation received last week was concentrated in Northern Idaho, but moisture shortages remain throughout the state. Idaho farmers had an average of 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattle and sheep remain in good condition grazing on fall pasture. Producers are preparing for fall calving season and continue to wean, vaccinate, pregnancy check and market livestock. County Extension Educators in Lewis County indicated that most cattle in that area have come off federal range.

### Crop Progress Table

	2001	2000	Avg
Onions Harvested	99	97	96
Apples Harvested	99	61	62
Sweet Corn Harvested	99	100	100
Dry Beans Harvested	99	100	99
Corn Harvested for Silage	99	97	96
Corn Harvested for Grain	42	36	23

### Crop Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	20	51	26	3	0
Winter Wheat	0	5	9	71	15

### Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2001	2000	Avg	2001	2000	Avg	2001	2000	Avg	2001	2000	Avg	2001	2000	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted . . . . .	90	96	95	67	70	62	99	97	89	82	93	94	87	92	90
Emerged . . . . .	21	53	44	36	34	26	82	68	52	63	71	74	46	60	53
Potatoes															
Harvested . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	99	98	91	90	82	84	99	92	94	96	90	91
Sugarbeets															
Harvested . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	11	10	23	50	53	46	71	52	66	45	44	44

Avg (1996-2000); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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## Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday October 21, 2001 <sup>1/</sup>

Station	Temperature <sup>2/</sup>				Growing Degree Days <sup>4/</sup>			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. <sup>3/</sup>	40° Base	50° Base		Total	Dept <sup>3/</sup>	Month of October	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
<b>North</b>												
Coeur D'Alene	68	28	44	-4	3885	2066	1853	0.18	0.02	0.72	10.88	13.97
Grangeville	70	30	48	3	4048	2191	1458	0.08	-0.33	1.36	11.87	16.75
Lewiston	74	33	50	-1	5039	2996	2787	0.15	-0.06	0.82	5.96	7.56
Sand Point	60	26	42	-2	3399	1701	1451	0.23	-0.34	1.58	13.84	15.79
<b>Southwest</b>												
Boise	78	32	52	1	5366	3332	2626	0.00	-0.19	0.91	4.38	6.46
Caldwell	72	28	51	0	5148	3083	2914	0.00	-0.17	0.20	2.39	5.46
Emmett	73	28	51	0	4990	2978	2603	0.00	-0.21	0.27	4.18	6.40
Mountain Home	77	27	51	2	5474	3483	2570	0.00	-0.16	0.15	1.95	5.37
Parma	73	26	49	1	5154	3083	2429	0.00	-0.18	0.16	3.77	6.03
Weiser	69	30	50	2	5338	3306	2461	0.00	-0.16	0.35	4.57	5.41
<b>Southcentral</b>												
Buhl	76	35	51	3	4982	2990	2111	0.00	-0.18	0.21	3.97	5.49
Burley	73	30	49	1	4299	2380	1988	0.00	-0.14	0.33	3.47	5.69
Hill City	68	18	44	0	3487	1789	1312	0.00	-0.19	0.31	3.80	6.34
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	5117	3074	2688	0.00	-0.15	0.00	2.84	4.88
Malta	75	27	51	2	4510	2542	1827	0.00	-0.06	0.29	3.28	6.18
Twin Falls	73	29	48	1	4382	2466	1885	0.00	-0.14	0.22	4.29	5.87
<b>East</b>												
Aberdeen 5/	64	22	--	--	3901	2180	1600	0.00	-0.18	0.08	2.83	6.13
Grace	71	20	46	1	3907	2166	1410	0.01	-0.26	0.08	4.97	10.52
Idaho Falls	67	21	43	-1	3932	2116	1708	0.00	-0.18	0.14	3.13	7.18
Malad City 5/	--	--	--	--	4594	2756	1876	0.00	-0.25	0.00	3.17	9.53
Pocatello	73	21	46	-1	4284	2442	1976	0.00	-0.22	0.16	3.12	7.60
Rexburg	65	25	44	0	3853	2112	1576	0.00	-0.19	0.15	1.73	8.92
Salmon	66	25	45	0	3813	2054	1720	0.04	-0.11	0.10	2.15	7.51

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

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	--	--	64	54	57	46	--	--	60	48	62	48	62	52	61	50
Emmett	64	57	63	55	63	57	63	55	63	54	65	55	63	55	63	55
Parma	54	50	54	52	56	54	52	50	53	51	52	51	52	51	53	51
Sandpoint	52	44	50	44	50	40	48	43	44	43	45	42	48	44	48	43
Twin Falls	52	42	52	42	53	47	49	40	48	39	53	43	54	42	52	42

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







