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Harvest Winds Down

Agricultural Summary

In Northern and Eastern areas minimal precipitation continues to concern producers planting fall grains. In both areas emergence of winter wheat is lagging behind last year and the five year average. Most Northern areas received significant rain this past week. Precipitation totals varied across the rest of the state. Franklin County Extension Educators reported a majority of dryland winter wheat is sitting in dry soil, while Power County Extension Educators reported strong winds had blown out some winter wheat planted in sandy soil. According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service major farm activities for the week ending October 28th included fall field work, planting winter wheat, chopping corn for silage, wrapping up harvest of potatoes, sugarbeets, corn for grain, and winterizing irrigation equipment.

Field Crop Report

Statewide, potato harvest is nearly complete with only 1 percent left to be harvested. Sugarbeet harvest picked up momentum increasing substantially from last week and ahead of the five year average. Corn harvested for grain also progressed rapidly nearly double the five year average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattle and sheep remain in good condition grazing on fall pasture. Producers are weaning, vaccinating, pregnancy testing and marketing yearlings and lambs. Producers are also preparing for fall calving season.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Reports indicate that topsoil moisture improved slightly from last week with 38% very short, 35% short, and 27% adequate. Recent valley rain showers and high elevation snow account for the improvement. Idaho farmers had an average of 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork.

Crop Progress Table

	2001	2000	Avg
Corn Harvested for Grain	61	38	33

Crop Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	21	50	26	3	0
Winter Wheat	2	5	14	66	13

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	97	100	98	83	74	72	100	100	96	99	98	98	97	97	95
Emerged	45	72	60	58	47	38	94	88	70	77	81	83	64	75	67
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	100	100	97	97	95	95	100	98	99	99	98	97
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	51	21	45	83	75	71	89	75	85	77	64	68

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

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, October 28, 2001 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)					
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base		Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of October	March 1		
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal	
North													
Coeur D'Alene	54	34	44	-2	3911	2066	1853	0.92	0.69	1.64	11.80	14.20	
Grangeville	69	30	48	4	4094	2191	1458	1.10	0.73	2.46	12.97	17.12	
Lewiston	67	40	49	0	5103	3000	2787	0.68	0.46	1.50	6.64	7.78	
Sand Point	50	32	41	-1	3413	1701	1451	1.63	0.93	3.21	15.47	16.49	
Southwest													
Boise	73	30	50	2	5439	3348	2626	0.16	-0.05	1.07	4.54	6.67	
Caldwell	64	28	48	-0	5200	3092	2914	0.09	-0.10	0.29	2.48	5.64	
Emmett	66	30	46	-2	5042	2984	2603	0.01	-0.22	0.28	4.19	6.63	
Mountain Home	72	23	48	1	5530	3497	2570	0.01	-0.17	0.16	1.96	5.56	
Parma	67	25	45	-1	5186	3084	2429	0.12	-0.07	0.28	3.89	6.23	
Weiser	63	29	45	-1	5390	3312	2461	0.07	-0.09	0.42	4.64	5.57	
Southcentral													
Buhl 5/	68	26	--	--	5038	2998	2111	0.00	-0.18	0.21	3.97	5.67	
Burley	74	22	47	1	4348	2386	1988	0.10	-0.07	0.43	3.57	5.86	
Hill City	66	19	42	1	3509	1789	1312	0.16	-0.07	0.47	3.96	6.58	
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	5191	3100	2688	0.00	-0.26	0.00	2.84	5.14	
Malta	--	--	--	--	4569	2557	1827	0.00	-0.08	0.29	3.28	6.25	
Twin Falls	75	22	46	1	4433	2476	1885	0.10	-0.09	0.32	4.39	6.06	
East													
Aberdeen 5/	72	19	42	1	3927	2180	1600	0.07	-0.11	0.15	2.90	6.31	
Grace	71	19	45	4	3958	2178	1410	0.14	-0.11	0.22	5.11	10.76	
Idaho Falls	71	19	43	2	3963	2120	1708	0.00	-0.18	0.14	3.13	7.36	
Malad City 5/	--	--	--	--	4627	2758	1876	0.00	-0.24	0.00	3.17	9.77	
Pocatello	74	19	45	0	4321	2445	1976	0.08	-0.13	0.24	3.20	7.82	
Rexburg	68	18	43	1	3891	2119	1576	0.00	-0.18	0.15	1.73	9.10	
Salmon	66	21	41	-1	3836	2059	1720	0.00	-0.10	0.10	2.15	7.61	

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 ¹	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	62	52	62	54	62	54	--	--	62	54	--	--	--	--	62	54
Emmett	61	53	59	56	58	51	57	51	58	51	58	50	56	51	58	52
Parma	53	51	53	50	52	50	53	50	55	50	49	46	50	49	52	49
Sandpoint	44	44	46	44	44	40	41	40	42	40	45	41	44	43	44	42
Twin Falls	55	42	55	42	50	40	50	36	48	36	49	39	53	43	51	40

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