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Sugarbeets Damaged

Agricultural Summary

Canyon County Extension Educators reported that sugarbeets in the Treasure Valley were severely damaged by frost. Some fields are already being replanted, while others continue to be assessed for damage. Below average temperatures were reported across most of the state. Precipitation levels were scattered throughout the state, with Northern areas receiving up to 1.82 inches of rain and Eastern areas receiving up to 1.22 inches of rain. Agricultural activities for the week ending April 8 included planting of spring wheat, barley, oats, potatoes, sugarbeets, dry peas, lentils, onions, field preparation, shipping of seed potatoes, repairing irrigation systems, and caring for livestock.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 2% very short, 20% short, 69% adequate, and 9% surplus. The Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service reports farmers had an average of 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

Crop Progress Table

	2001	2000	Avg.
Onions Planted	60	61	68
Oats Planted	5	5	8
Dry Peas Planted	9	6	9
Lentils Planted	0	0	1

Field Crop Report

Statewide, the planting of spring wheat, sugarbeets and potatoes continue to lag behind last year and the five year average. Planting was delayed this past week in several Eastern locations by spring rain. Winter wheat continues to be reported in mostly good condition. Extension Educators in Elmore County expressed great concern over lack of water in that area.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Reports indicate livestock to be in very good condition. Calving is 91% complete, and lambing is 93% complete. Hay and Roughage supplies were reported to be 3% very short, 34% short, 57% adequate, and 6% surplus.

Crop Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	0	10	77	13
Irr. Water Supply	31	22	35	6	6
Range & Pasture	1	9	43	40	7

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
Spring Wheat Planted	6	22	11	75	72	77	49	78	64	9	25	17	18	36	28
Barley Planted	6	18	9	75	67	66	57	49	51	3	8	6	18	21	18
Potatoes Planted	NA	NA	NA	12	23	15	11	10	5	0	1	0	4	5	3
Sugarbeets Planted	NA	NA	NA	70	67	63	13	35	24	9	40	17	24	42	33

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

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, April 8, 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 April	March 1		
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal	
North													
Coeur D'Alene	52	25	38	-8	59	3	0	0.50	0.22	0.74	2.51	2.96	
Grangeville	53	22	36	-6	89	4	0	1.82	1.22	1.87	4.09	3.08	
Sand Point	50	26	38	-5	41	2	0	0.78	0.25	1.09	5.01	3.40	
Southwest													
Boise	54	25	39	-8	212	30	0	0.36	0.07	0.38	1.48	1.62	
Caldwell	59	24	42	-7	239	28	0	0.28	0.04	0.36	1.08	1.34	
Emmett	59	23	40	-8	189	20	0	0.73	0.45	0.88	1.74	1.61	
Mountain Home	57	19	38	-8	191	26	0	0.38	0.15	0.39	0.91	1.30	
Parma	62	25	41	-6	233	25	0	0.54	0.31	0.63	1.50	1.37	
Weiser	58	26	43	-5	203	17	0	0.40	0.13	0.57	1.91	1.42	
Southcentral													
Buhl	60	21	39	-5	171	20	0	0.37	0.19	0.48	1.58	1.16	
Burley	53	27	39	-5	135	6	0	0.32	0.15	0.34	1.04	1.10	
Hill City	52	12	34	-3	30	0	0	0.62	0.39	0.65	1.51	1.42	
Hagerman	64	19	41	-9	231	28	2	0.35	0.18	0.35	1.29	1.24	
Malta	64	25	42	-5	147	6	0	0.00	-0.15	0.00	0.44	1.01	
Twin Falls	60	22	40	-3	146	9	0	0.34	0.13	0.34	1.20	1.31	
East													
Aberdeen 5/	60	24	--	--	55	0	0	0.15	-0.01	0.15	0.42	0.90	
Grace	52	23	36	-2	48	0	0	1.22	0.91	1.24	2.15	1.66	
Idaho Falls	57	30	42	1	113	2	0	0.45	0.23	0.50	1.21	1.07	
Malad City	58	32	42	-0	176	16	0	0.31	0.05	0.31	0.32	1.41	
Pocatello	55	25	39	-3	104	3	0	0.28	0.03	0.30	0.99	1.54	
Rexburg	57	27	41	1	64	0	0	0.12	-0.14	0.12	0.35	1.41	
Salmon	55	21	38	-5	65	0	0	0.05	-0.19	0.06	0.30	0.66	

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	65	46	50	37	56	41	61	40	63	44	64	44	47	37	58	41
Emmett	58	50	53	48	54	46	55	46	56	46	54	50	55	52	55	48
Parma	47	47	47	45	48	45	45	44	45	43	45	42	44	41	46	44
Sandpoint	40	36	37	37	37	35	42	35	41	37	--	--	--	--	39	36
Twin Falls	57	46	47	39	47	40	57	41	--	--	52	44	47	39	51	42

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

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