



IDAHO CROP WEATHER



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Above Normal Temperatures

Agricultural Summary

Above normal temperatures were reported throughout the state this past week and precipitation levels were scarce across most of the state. Irrigation water supplies continue to decline with the dry weather conditions. County Extension Educators in Twin Falls County indicated that the Twin Falls Canal Co. has announced that it will shut down canals around the 14th of October. According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service major farm activities for the week ending September 23 included monitoring pests and disease, killing potato vines, moving livestock off grazing land, preparing for fall field work, planting winter wheat and harvesting oats, potatoes, hay, onions, fruit, sweet corn, dry beans, corn for silage, sugarbeets, and mint.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 42% very short, 39% short, and 19% adequate. Idaho farmers had an average of 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork this past week.

Crop Progress Table

	2001	2000	Avg
Oats Harvested	75	99	92
Potatoes Vines Dying/Killed	93	90	83
Onions Harvested	46	42	52
Peaches Harvested	88	97	93
Prunes & Plums Harvested	80	90	77
Apples Harvested	32	28	18
Sweet Corn Harvested	71	85	88
Dry Beans Harvested	68	71	70
Corn Harvested for Silage	39	46	40

Field Crop Report

Statewide, potatoes vines dying/killed have advanced slightly ahead of last year and the five year average, while the harvest of potatoes is slightly behind last year but just above the five year average. The harvest of sugarbeets in the Magic Valley is gaining momentum as reports indicate harvest to be well ahead of last year and the five year average. Winter wheat planting is underway in North and Southwest areas. County Extension Educators in Franklin County reported corn for silage drying quickly due to the frost received last week.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops Report

The states onion harvest is slightly above last year but behind the five year average. Meanwhile, nearly one third of the apple crop has been harvested. The 2nd cutting of mint is underway in the Treasure Valley with 15 percent reported to be harvested.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

As ranchers gather cattle and sheep from summer range, many are pregnancy checking cows, weaning, vaccinating and marketing livestock. Range and pasture continued to be reported in mostly poor condition.

Crop Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Irr. Water Supply	58	14	15	13	0
Range & Pasture	24	45	27	4	0
Potatoes	2	4	28	61	5

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	3	14	11	2	3	9	51	38	31	34	50	44	21	28	25
Emerged	0	0	1	0	0	2	14	1	4	13	10	16	6	4	6
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	41	43	46	34	31	25	12	15	14	20	22	19
Alfalfa Hay															
Harvested (3 rd cutting)	NA	NA	NA	100	100	91	81	100	93	66	78	63	79	90	77
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	15	4	6	8	6	10	11	3	5

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

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, September 23 , 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 September	March 1		
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal	
North													
Coeur D'Alene	79	39	60	3	3560	1953	1785	0.00	-0.34	0.01	9.97	13.14	
Grangeville 5/	81	49	--	--	3672	2047	1432	0.00	-0.44	0.00	10.39	15.01	
Lewiston	97	47	68	6	4604	2826	2628	0.00	-0.19	0.00	5.26	6.80	
Sand Point	82	38	61	7	3146	1620	1438	0.16	-0.29	0.16	12.82	13.92	
Southwest													
Boise	89	50	69	8	4882	3110	2485	0.00	-0.19	0.44	3.59	5.79	
Caldwell	84	39	64	3	4702	2888	2778	0.00	-0.17	0.00	2.16	4.87	
Emmett	86	45	66	6	4529	2774	2473	0.00	-0.20	0.22	3.87	5.68	
Mountain Home	97	45	69	9	4957	3212	2453	0.00	-0.15	0.33	1.74	4.82	
Parma	89	39	65	6	4732	2910	2341	0.00	-0.20	0.14	3.79	5.39	
Weiser	87	39	66	7	4874	3084	2381	0.00	-0.14	0.21	4.17	4.81	
Southcentral													
Buhl	84	49	66	8	4534	2781	2033	0.00	-0.11	0.33	3.87	4.93	
Burley	90	39	62	5	3910	2230	1929	0.01	-0.13	0.50	3.14	5.18	
Hill City	88	33	57	4	3193	1691	1305	0.03	-0.13	0.23	3.25	5.67	
Hagerman	88	38	64	4	4648	2865	2573	0.00	-0.08	0.39	2.83	4.47	
Malta 5/	82	39	--	--	4067	2347	1780	0.00	-0.15	0.51	2.99	5.87	
Twin Falls	82	43	61	5	3987	2308	1829	0.00	-0.16	0.48	3.77	5.28	
East													
Aberdeen 5/	79	38	--	--	3571	2036	1587	0.05	-0.12	0.63	2.75	5.48	
Grace	87	38	61	8	3532	2000	1394	0.00	-0.32	0.42	5.04	9.39	
Idaho Falls	85	36	59	5	3644	2008	1687	0.01	-0.17	0.67	2.97	6.39	
Malad City 5/	90	41	--	--	4401	2764	1834	0.00	-0.25	0.28	3.01	8.51	
Pocatello	90	37	62	5	3924	2293	1928	0.00	-0.20	0.51	2.97	6.80	
Rexburg	82	36	59	5	3536	1982	1560	0.05	-0.19	0.41	1.58	8.06	
Salmon	79	36	58	3	3508	1944	1686	0.00	-0.23	0.57	2.05	6.82	

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	80	62	80	60	81	60	79	59	80	59	80	60	80	60	80	60
Emmett	81	70	81	71	83	72	83	72	83	70	82	70	81	69	82	71
Parma	63	60	65	64	62	60	63	61	63	60	62	60	62	60	63	61
Sandpoint	72	61	71	62	68	61	66	58	66	58	--	--	--	--	69	60
Twin Falls	67	56	70	55	74	57	64	52	68	55	67	52	68	52	68	54

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