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Spring Planting Gaining Momentum in Eastern Idaho

Agricultural Summary

Planting progress this past week occurred mostly in Southwest and Southcentral Idaho. However, spring planting is gaining momentum in Eastern Idaho. For the week ending April 13, major agricultural activities included planting spring wheat, barley, oats, sugarbeets, potatoes, onions, dry peas, field preparation, spreading fertilizer, setting out irrigation equipment, branding and feeding livestock.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Lambing and Calving are nearing completion across the state, at 91% complete and 92% complete respectfully. Hay and Roughage supplies were reported to be 1% very short, 3% short, 69% adequate, and 27% surplus.

Field Crop Report

Statewide, planting of small grains is progressing ahead of last year and the five year average. Above normal temperatures have allowed crops to emerge rapidly across most of the state. Winter wheat development progressed to 6 percent jointed for the state, ahead of last year and the five year average. Abundant moisture continues to delay planting and fieldwork in North Idaho and some Eastern areas. Growers are quickly moving into fields as conditions permit. County Extension Educators in Twin Falls indicated that cutworms and armyworms are causing significant problems in alfalfa fields and are beginning to move into barley and sugarbeet fields.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Reports indicated that topsoil moisture was 5% very short, 19% short, 65% adequate and 11% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2003	2002	Avg.
Winter Wheat Jointed	6	4	4
Onions Planted	94	91	80
Onions Emerged	36	19	19
Oats Planted	35	21	14
Oats Emerged	9	0	1
Dry Peas Planted	9	13	15
Dry Peas Emerged	1	0	1
Lentils Planted	0	4	2

Condition Table

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Irr. Water Supply	3	31	43	22	1
Winter Wheat	0	1	14	71	14
Range & Pasture	3	5	34	55	3

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			Southcentral			East			State		
	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted	5	12	18	100	92	89	87	48	67	53	23	24	48	28	34
Emerged	0	3	4	57	60	61	28	2	19	12	2	2	13	4	8
Barley															
Planted	5	11	15	100	93	86	95	52	62	20	17	13	37	27	27
Emerged	0	3	3	85	59	52	48	0	14	7	0	1	18	3	6
Potatoes															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	27	29	20	9	7	10	1	1	1	5	5	4
Sugarbeets															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	92	83	75	55	37	37	55	23	25	61	44	43
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	61	19	19	2	0	2	1	0	2	11	4	6

Avg (1998-2002); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, April 13, 2003 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)					
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base To Date Normal		Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of April	March 1 To Date Normal		
North													
Coeur D'Alene	72	34	51	2	186	34	0	0.19	-0.04	0.37	2.48	3.12	
Grangeville	72	26	49	6	171	28	0	0.05	-0.52	1.88	4.69	3.48	
Lewiston	74	31	54	4	330	68	1	0.28	0.05	0.48	2.68	1.52	
Sand Point	69	29	48	4	105	14	0	0.26	-0.24	0.83	6.11	3.75	
Southwest													
Boise	77	30	55	6	334	90	0	0.09	-0.20	0.51	2.03	1.83	
Caldwell	75	25	52	1	371	111	6	0.23	-0.00	0.44	1.11	1.50	
Emmett	76	28	52	3	312	83	0	0.12	-0.16	0.70	2.35	1.81	
Mountain Home	77	28	54	7	332	87	0	0.00	-0.21	0.52	0.91	1.45	
Parma	79	27	53	4	372	101	0	0.26	0.04	0.55	1.20	1.53	
Weiser	74	27	51	2	322	71	0	0.01	-0.23	0.27	1.76	1.59	
Southcentral													
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	236	56	0	0.00	-0.15	0.00	0.00	1.26	
Burley	76	25	51	5	202	40	0	0.00	-0.16	0.70	1.90	1.21	
Hill City	71	17	47	7	92	8	0	0.00	-0.20	0.26	1.25	1.56	
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	427	132	19	0.00	-0.12	0.00	0.00	1.32	
Malta 5/	77	19	50	0	266	65	3	0.00	-0.14	0.16	0.72	1.11	
Twin Falls	77	28	49	4	220	46	0	0.06	-0.13	0.92	4.34	1.45	
East													
Aberdeen 5/	49	20	--	--	110	9	0	0.00	-0.15	0.04	0.04	1.00	
Grace	69	20	44	3	120	12	0	0.00	-0.32	0.20	0.81	1.88	
Idaho Falls	74	20	48	6	132	18	0	0.00	-0.21	0.03	0.46	1.22	
Malad City	76	20	49	5	189	39	0	0.00	-0.25	0.18	0.67	1.59	
Pocatello	76	23	50	6	186	42	0	0.02	-0.21	0.29	0.87	1.70	
Rexburg	74	21	47	4	146	30	0	0.00	-0.25	0.07	0.74	1.59	
Salmon	75	25	49	5	192	43	0	0.00	-0.22	0.04	0.27	0.81	

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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Emmett	52	48	56	48	58	50	63	54	65	56	67	58	65	59	61	53
Parma	45	44	46	44	47	45	49	47	50	48	52	50	52	50	49	47
Sandpoint	47	38	46	40	55	43	52	43	51	43	--	--	46	44	50	42
Twin Falls	41	36	--	--	--	--	37	35	--	--	64	49	59	48	50	42

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