



# IDAHO CROP WEATHER



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## Potato Harvest Near Completion

### Agricultural Summary

Idaho's potato harvest is near completion at 95 percent harvested, ahead of last year and the five year average. Meanwhile, sugarbeet harvest is in full swing and is over a quarter complete. For the week ending October 19, major agricultural activities included irrigating, caring for livestock, harvesting hay, apples, potatoes, corn for silage and grain, sugarbeets, and winter wheat seeding.

### Field Crop Report

Statewide, corn harvested for silage and the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay are nearing completion as well at 98 and 92 percent harvested respectfully. Winter wheat seeding is also near completion throughout the state. Reports indicated winter wheat planted at 95 percent, equal to last year and ahead of the five year average. Winter wheat emergence has progressed ahead of last year and the five year average.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

County Extension Educators reported topsoil moisture to be 31% very short, 47% short, and 22% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork during the past week.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Most cattle and sheep have been moved to fall pastures by now and were reported in good condition. Across the state, ranchers continued to pregnancy check, wean, vaccinate and market livestock.

**Crop Progress Table**

Percentages	2003	2002	Avg.
Apples Harvested	61	70	62
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	98	97	96
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	40	13	24
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting Harvested	92	90	83

**Condition Table**

Percentages	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Irr. Water Supply	22	17	30	30	1
Range & Pasture	13	48	36	3	0

**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
Winter Wheat															
Planted .....	95	96	94	87	96	68	98	98	91	96	92	89	95	95	88
Emerged .....	27	23	31	70	84	34	75	86	58	61	51	64	49	47	46
Potatoes															
Harvested.....	NA	NA	NA	100	99	92	93	94	86	96	89	91	95	92	89
Sugarbeets															
Harvested .....	NA	NA	NA	18	20	18	33	31	42	58	35	55	35	30	40

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

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## Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, October 19, 2003 <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 To Date    Normal		Total	Dept <sup>3/</sup>	Month of October	March 1 To Date    Normal		
<b>North</b>													
Coeur D'Alene	73	37	50	1	4218	2321	1853	0.62	0.49	0.66	8.57	13.92	
Grangeville	75	28	50	3	3975	2164	1458	0.13	-0.32	0.43	14.67	16.65	
Lewiston	71	34	53	1	5352	3264	2787	0.16	-0.06	0.28	8.58	7.51	
Sand Point	60	30	47	2	3856	2023	1451	1.19	0.64	1.60	15.32	15.62	
<b>Southwest</b>													
Boise	82	34	57	6	5601	3536	2626	0.00	-0.18	0.00	5.07	6.41	
Caldwell	79	34	54	3	5386	3294	2914	0.00	-0.17	0.00	2.27	5.41	
Emmett	77	36	57	5	5282	3253	2603	0.08	-0.12	0.09	5.70	6.34	
Mountain Home	86	32	57	6	5470	3471	2570	0.00	-0.16	0.00	4.73	5.32	
Parma 5/	66	31	--	--	5445	3338	2429	0.14	-0.04	0.17	4.19	5.98	
Weiser 5/	65	34	--	--	5663	3532	2461	0.00	-0.17	0.00	5.24	5.37	
<b>Southcentral</b>													
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	4827	2866	2111	0.00	-0.17	0.00	3.96	5.44	
Burley	83	31	53	5	4320	2450	1988	0.00	-0.13	0.01	6.19	5.65	
Hill City	78	24	49	4	3511	1872	1312	0.00	-0.18	0.10	4.82	6.29	
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	5317	3226	2687	0.00	-0.11	0.00	3.64	4.83	
Malta	82	28	56	7	4608	2678	1827	0.00	-0.05	0.03	5.64	6.16	
Twin Falls	82	32	53	4	4450	2567	1885	0.00	-0.14	0.63	10.15	5.82	
<b>East</b>													
Aberdeen 5/	65	23	--	--	3876	2115	1600	0.00	-0.17	0.00	3.28	6.08	
Grace 5/	63	22	--	--	3870	2187	1410	0.00	-0.27	0.00	5.19	10.44	
Idaho Falls	78	26	49	4	3834	2072	1708	0.00	-0.18	0.00	4.10	7.13	
Malad City	79	26	49	1	4322	2496	1876	0.00	-0.26	0.00	5.22	9.47	
Pocatello	81	30	52	4	4299	2482	1976	0.00	-0.21	0.00	4.07	7.54	
Rexburg	74	28	49	4	3883	2107	1576	0.00	-0.19	0.08	4.30	8.87	
Salmon	73	30	46	0	4026	2222	1720	0.01	-0.14	0.01	0.68	7.47	

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/ Weekly 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
Emmett	66	58	63	57	--	--	60	56	63	56	67	58	68	60	65	58
Parma	59	58	58	57	57	57	57	57	--	--	--	--	--	--	58	57
Sandpoint	48	47	52	47	52	46	47	45	48	45	--	--	--	--	49	46
Twin Falls	54	43	55	42	--	--	53	44	55	45	66	45	59	47	57	44

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