



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Above Normal Temperatures Statewide

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from six to twelve degrees above normal for the week. Several weather stations in the eastern part of the state reported small amounts of rain. Major agricultural activities included irrigating, caring for livestock, cutting alfalfa, and harvesting small grains, legumes and potatoes.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is at 5% very short, 32% short, 63% adequate, and 0% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

Fall alfalfa seeding is well underway in Twin Falls County according to the University of Idaho extension educator. Wheat and barley harvest is well underway in Franklin County but yields have been highly variable because of disease according to the Franklin County Extension. At the state level, the second cutting of alfalfa is ninety-four percent complete. The third cutting of alfalfa is thirty-one percent complete and is eighteen percentage points behind the five year average. Winter wheat and spring wheat harvests trail their state level five year average by twenty and twenty-one percentage points, respectively.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	1	5	20	61	13
Spring Wheat	--	1	13	75	11
Barley	--	1	10	66	23
Potato	--	--	9	77	14
Range and Pasture	--	7	25	49	19
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	4	44	52

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2011	2010	Avg.
Potato Vines Dying/Killed	11	15	29
Oats Harvested for Grain	54	56	60
Onion Harvest	10	18	14
Dry Peas Harvested	13	49	72
Dry Beans Harvested	--	18	24
Lentils Harvested	7	37	61
Mint 1 st Cutting	83	80	88

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg
Winter Wheat Harvested.....	50	80	88	99	98	100	97	69	92	74	79	85	69	80	89
Spring Wheat Harvested.....	9	33	61	93	94	96	78	56	85	36	23	48	37	31	58
Barley Harvested.....	7	45	66	97	95	98	69	53	80	31	41	46	41	45	57
Potato Harvested.....	NA	NA	NA	18	16	18	--	1	6	--	1	1	1	2	3
Alfalfa															
Second Cutting	83	66	89	100	100	100	100	100	100	88	96	92	94	97	96
Third Cutting	NA	NA	NA	75	92	72	32	68	74	3	2	16	31	47	49

Avg (2006 – 2010); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, August 28, 2011 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	92	56	74	6	0.00	-0.35	12.96	2.83	2651	1407	-347
Grangeville	96	54	75	12	0.00	-0.35	17.26	3.79	2548	1350	35
Lewiston	100	62	81	11	0.00	-0.21	7.89	1.75	3582	2038	-264
Porthill	93	47	71	9	0.00	-0.32	9.57	0.98	2592	1331	-78
Winchester	92	51	70	11	0.00	-0.28	14.54	1.39	1958	902	6
Southwest											
Boise	98	53	76	6	0.00	-0.14	7.54	2.40	3359	1903	-318
Emmett	97	58	78	10	0.00	-0.14	7.97	2.92	3296	1907	-238
Glenns Ferry	104	54	78	10	0.00	-0.11	7.68	3.72	3394	2027	-126
Grandview	100	49	75	6	0.00	-0.08	4.63	1.32	3392	1940	-471
Nampa	96	55	76	8	0.00	-0.14	4.52	0.07	3345	1939	-298
Parma	98	53	77	9	0.00	-0.14	5.19	0.35	3463	2002	-118
South Central											
Fairfield	93	41	68	7	0.00	-0.14	4.67	-1.15	2099	1019	-213
Malta	100	45	74	9	0.17	-0.04	6.90	0.55	2709	1477	-208
Picabo	95	53	74	12	0.00	-0.14	6.08	0.73	2511	1369	32
Rupert	98	49	74	9	0.13	-0.01	5.14	0.59	2782	1529	-204
Twin Falls	96	54	75	11	0.03	-0.11	6.13	1.52	2999	1704	49
East											
Aberdeen	96	50	74	11	0.00	-0.14	3.64	-1.17	2684	1472	-2
Ashton	90	44	69	10	0.01	-0.27	9.53	0.18	2108	1022	-107
Fort Hall	98	49	75	10	0.02	-0.19	8.87	2.60	2713	1478	-172
Idaho Falls	97	49	74	10	0.02	-0.17	5.91	0.23	2790	1537	-17
Lava Hot Springs	94	48	72	7	0.04	-0.17	13.41	7.14	2535	1389	-261
Monteview	93	41	70	7	0.00	-0.14	3.88	-1.65	2287	1146	-330
Preston	95	54	76	10	0.00	-0.21	11.99	4.44	2878	1639	-87
Rexburg	94	40	70	9	0.00	-0.21	7.74	0.78	2311	1139	-65

^{1/} Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.