



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Harvest Continues During Mild Weather

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures were generally above average for the week ending October 16. Reported averages ranged from three degrees below normal to six degrees above normal, although only two stations recorded below normal averages for the week. Nearly all weather stations reported precipitation during the past week, but none totaled more than one inch for the week. Major agricultural activities for the week included moving cattle and sheep, cutting alfalfa, planting winter wheat, and harvesting sugarbeets and potatoes.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture increased from the previous week to 1% very short, 10% short, 83% adequate, and 6% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the past week.

Revision

Last week's report published onion harvest at 100 percent complete. Based on new information, onion harvest progress for the week ending October 9 has been revised to 82 percent complete.

Field Crop Report

Harvest progress in Eastern Idaho has been spotty due to wet field conditions. Farmers are still hoping to harvest a few grain fields that remain standing. In Southwest Idaho, apple harvest is progressing, and onion harvest continues for many of the larger growers. In North Idaho, the combination of fall precipitation and mild temperatures has provided nearly ideal conditions for planting winter wheat. Germination and stand development is expected to be excellent if these conditions continue.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range and Pasture	2	10	31	42	15
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	5	44	51

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2011	2010	Avg.
Onions Harvested	85	95	96
Alfalfa 4 th cutting	73	74	84
Corn Harvested for Grain	6	5	21
Corn Harvested for Silage	62	75	87

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															
Planted.....	85	79	81	88	87	88	87	84	83	97	96	92	90	86	85
Emerged	19	36	24	73	76	68	69	59	49	65	75	64	46	56	44
Potato															
Harvested.....	NA	NA	NA	91	100	99	83	82	84	85	82	81	85	83	83
Sugarbeets															
Harvested.....	NA	NA	NA	12	16	19	32	38	35	37	43	36	22	36	32

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

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 16, 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	58	37	49	-3	0.00	-0.31	14.10	1.99	3671	1951	-228
Grangeville	62	42	52	5	0.87	0.45	19.80	3.44	3576	1903	284
Lewiston	67	47	56	3	0.46	0.25	8.99	1.53	4914	2880	-1
Porthill	58	30	45	-1	0.50	0.22	11.26	0.50	3444	1741	85
Winchester	59	38	46	1	0.54	0.12	16.59	1.01	2806	1316	213
Southwest											
Boise	76	38	55	3	0.83	0.69	9.38	3.06	4544	2604	-144
Emmett	73	38	55	3	0.52	0.37	9.00	2.73	4528	2659	30
Glenns Ferry	76	35	55	4	0.90	0.76	9.76	4.92	4588	2739	85
Grandview	77	34	55	4	0.80	0.73	6.31	2.15	4485	2555	-367
Nampa	71	37	54	2	0.98	0.84	6.17	0.72	4486	2597	-154
Parma	72	38	55	5	0.78	0.64	6.47	0.53	4659	2712	151
South Central											
Fairfield	70	30	48	3	0.67	0.53	6.86	-0.12	2854	1337	-137
Malta	75	29	51	3	0.72	0.58	9.46	1.86	3619	1932	-114
Picabo	71	32	51	5	0.64	0.50	8.51	2.03	3437	1847	247
Rupert	73	33	52	3	0.46	0.32	8.28	2.71	3764	2046	-53
Twin Falls	74	36	53	5	0.47	0.33	7.24	1.55	4053	2287	283
East											
Aberdeen	70	34	51	6	0.18	0.04	4.79	-1.15	3593	1930	179
Ashton	64	30	48	4	0.77	0.49	12.34	0.87	2884	1364	18
Fort Hall	72	34	53	5	0.29	0.08	10.79	3.06	3684	1987	-7
Idaho Falls	70	32	52	6	0.10	-0.04	7.44	0.43	3761	2053	198
Lava Hot Springs	68	31	48	0	0.45	0.24	16.22	8.49	3403	1813	-181
Monteview	70	25	47	2	0.16	0.05	5.22	-1.33	3051	1483	-258
Preston	73	34	53	5	0.10	-0.11	14.81	5.47	3856	2155	57
Rexburg	68	29	48	3	0.48	0.28	9.73	1.13	3091	1478	39

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.