



# Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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## Winter Wheat Farmers Hopeful For Rain

### Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from 4 degrees to 10 degrees above normal for the week. Precipitation was reported in all districts except the North. Major agricultural activities included harvesting potatoes and hay and seeding winter wheat.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is at 31% very short, 32% short, 37% adequate, and 0% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

**Crop Progress Table**

Percentages	2012	2011	Avg.
Potato Vines Dying/Killed	96	91	95
Onions Harvested	90	77	82
Dry Beans Harvested	93	87	82
Corn Harvested for Silage	53	25	51
Alfalfa 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	55	23	49

### Field Crop Report

The Benewah County extension educator reports 40 consecutive days since they have had any precipitation. The Clearwater County extension educator reports producers are waiting for the burn ban to be lifted to burn fields and finish planting. The Caribou County extension educator reports good weather helped farmers get most of the potatoes harvested this past week and fall field work is under way. The Franklin County extension educator reports the area remains very dry with no substantial rain in a long time.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

The Jefferson County extension educator reports cattle are starting to come off summer range. Pasture conditions are poor and they are hoping for some fall moisture.

**Condition Table**

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Potatoes	1	4	8	67	20
Irr. Water Supply	6	14	28	46	6
Range and Pasture	18	33	29	20	--

**Crop Progress District Table**

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2012	2011	Avg	2012	2011	Avg	2012	2011	Avg	2012	2011	Avg	2012	2011	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted .....	24	28	37	52	60	61	59	56	59	52	65	67	41	47	52
Emerged .....	--	--	--	15	29	21	38	25	19	18	18	23	13	14	12
Potato															
Harvested .....	NA	NA	NA	82	75	87	58	44	46	39	25	29	46	33	37
Sugarbeets															
Harvested .....	NA	NA	NA	9	6	5	26	16	10	9	9	6	19	11	8
Alfalfa															
3 <sup>st</sup> Cutting .....	NA	NA	NA	100	100	100	100	99	99	93	84	79	97	93	90

Avg (2007 – 2011); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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**Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, September 30, 2012 <sup>1/</sup>**

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
<b>North</b>											
Coeur D' Alene	78	41	60	5	0.00	-0.27	18.55	7.15	3834	2137	6
Grangeville	81	43	62	10	0.00	-0.42	13.87	-1.53	3834	2130	544
Lewiston	85	51	68	9	0.00	-0.18	8.73	1.73	5241	3309	509
Porthill	76	41	59	9	0.00	-0.28	13.26	3.17	3418	1745	103
Winchester	77	38	56	7	0.00	-0.35	14.39	-0.30	3035	1526	435
<b>Southwest</b>											
Boise	85	44	64	6	0.00	-0.16	5.51	-0.47	4802	2837	168
Emmett	82	43	61	5	0.09	-0.08	5.38	-0.49	4814	2914	351
Glenns Ferry	86	44	65	8	0.00	-0.10	3.59	-0.96	4949	3053	477
Grandview	87	40	63	6	0.00	-0.13	1.48	-2.48	4839	2880	32
Nampa	82	41	62	5	0.00	-0.14	3.18	-1.94	4896	2940	266
Parma	85	42	64	9	0.00	-0.14	3.23	-2.38	4889	2946	439
<b>South Central</b>											
Fairfield	80	30	56	6	0.00	-0.14	4.93	-1.70	3247	1663	209
Malta	82	35	59	6	0.11	-0.04	4.18	-3.09	4018	2226	226
Picabo	80	41	59	9	0.00	-0.14	5.09	-1.05	3831	2155	580
Rupert	83	41	61	7	0.00	-0.14	3.93	-1.32	4162	2331	278
Twin Falls	84	43	62	9	0.00	-0.14	3.83	-1.53	4505	2627	669
<b>East</b>											
Aberdeen	79	40	58	7	0.04	-0.15	2.63	-2.98	3974	2186	462
Ashton	75	38	57	8	0.00	-0.28	6.90	-3.88	3329	1669	344
Fort Hall	81	40	60	7	0.03	-0.18	5.24	-2.01	4034	2213	259
Idaho Falls	79	40	60	8	0.06	-0.13	3.65	-2.98	4187	2371	545
Lava Hot Springs	79	36	57	4	0.09	-0.12	6.47	-0.78	3862	2124	170
Monteview	79	37	58	8	0.06	-0.08	3.02	-3.24	3496	1792	74
Preston	81	40	61	7	0.02	-0.26	4.59	-4.20	4401	2565	513
Rexburg	76	33	56	7	0.01	-0.20	3.72	-4.38	3482	1744	327

<sup>1/</sup> 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](http://www.awis.com) or call 1-888-798-9955.