January 2021 Drought Update

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Farmer Hans Hayden says this spring wheat field is an almost total loss in 2012. MOLLY MESSICK / STATEIMPACT IDAHO

https://stateimpact.npr.org/idaho/2012/08/20/some-idaho-farmers-suffer-others-succeed-in-summers-drought/

Drought of 2020

U.S. Drought Monitor

Idaho

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	29.22	70.78	17.04	4.43	0.96	0.00
Last Week *09-22-2020*	32.88	67.12	16.60	4.43	0.96	0.00
3 Months Ago *06-30-2020*	71.40	28.60	9.31	2.37	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *12-31-2019*	35.67	64.33	10.68	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *10-01-2019*	95.38	4.62	2.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago *10-01-2019*	95.38	4.62	2.72	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx

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April-July Runoff Percentiles				
Basin	**Forecast**	**Observed**	**Obs-For**	**Drought Category**
North Idaho				
Priest Lake	53	49	-4	
Pend Oreille	47	51	4	
Spokane	41	39	-2	
Clearwater	51	54	3	
Salmon	36	52	16	
Average	46	49	3	
Central Mountains				
Weiser	31	24	-7	Abnormally Dry
Payette	26	28	2	Abnormally Dry
Boise	26	20	-6	Moderate Drought
Big Wood	14	8	-6	Severe Drought
Little Wood	22	15	-7	Moderate Drought
Big Lost	26	12	-14	Moderate Drought
Little Lost	35	23	-12	Abnormally Dry
Camas Ck	51	42	-9	
Average	29	22	-7	
Eastern Idaho				
Henrys Fork	49	37	-12	
Snake River	53	55	2	
Average	51	46	-5	
Southern Idaho				
Bear River	51	41	-10	
Blackfoot		49	49	
Portneuf	34	43	9	
Oakely	52	37	-15	
Salmon Falls	46	41	-5	
Owyhee	35	31	-4	
Average	44	39	-5	

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14-day Departure from Normal Precipitation: 1/13/2021

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