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Federal study planned on raising Boise River dam

Federal officials plan to create an environmental study that will look at raising one of three Boise River system dams to capture more water for fast-growing southwestern Idaho. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is taking comments through Sept. 9 and holding three meetings involving the proposed project to raise Anderson Ranch Dam by 6 feet (2 meters). That would increase storage by 29,000 acre-feet. An acre-foot is about 326,000 gallons (1.2 million liters). [Read more](#)

Idaho wheat farmers report harvest is late but average

Wheat farmers throughout the state are reporting average yields and good quality, though they're harvesting about two weeks behind schedule, according to industry sources. In general, University of Idaho Extension cereals experts say disease

pressure was light throughout the state's southern and eastern growing areas, but there were some isolated cases of severe losses caused by rot and frost damage. For the week ending Aug. 17, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service reported 36 percent of Idaho's winter wheat had been harvested, compared with a five-year average for the week of 70 percent. [Read more](#)

Governor Little appoints new commissioner to Idaho Wheat Commissioner

Governor Little has appointed Cory Kress, Rockland, to serve on the Idaho Wheat Commission. Cory will serve a five year term and could be reappointed to serve another term. Cory replaces Jerry Brown, Soda Springs, who served as a Commissioner since 2009. Jerry represented Idaho wheat growers on the Wheat Foods Council and several U.S. Wheat Association committees. Jerry has made numerous overseas trips to meet with wheat buyers in South America and South Asia and was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award in 2017.

Important crop insurance deadline nears in the Pacific Northwest

Producers in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington Need to Make Decisions Soon

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds producers in Idaho, Oregon and Washington states to apply for crop insurance coverage for the 2020 crop year before the sales closing dates. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing coverage also have until the sales closing dates to do so. Sales closing date for wheat is September 30. [Read more](#)

New platform rapidly diagnoses wheat rust

Researchers at the John Innes Centre in Norwich in eastern England have developed a new mobile surveillance technique that gives them the ability to identify specific wheat rust fungus strains within 48 hours of collecting a sample. The new digital platform significantly reduces the time to identify strains, which previously took months. [Read more](#)

U.S. wheat prices seen tagging along with corn

Changes in wheat production and yield forecasts in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's August Crop Production and World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates reports to be issued Aug. 12 may be minimal, but adjustments in planting and production forecasts for corn and soybeans were potentially explosive and may tug wheat futures higher or lower going forward, Paul Meyers, chief agricultural economist for Foresight Commodity Services, Inc., told Milling & Baking News, a sister publication of World Grain, in advance of the reports. A bullish report for the corn crop was likely to pull wheat futures higher, Meyers said, pointing to May, when corn and soybean producers experienced lengthy planting delays due to excessive rain and in some cases flooding, leading to a runup in corn and soybean futures that pulled wheat futures higher in the wake. [Read more](#)

Southeast Asia: growing milling industry relies on wheat imports

Wheat production in Southeast Asia is small, but the grain plays an increasing part in diets in the region, which is also home to a large milling sector, including one of the biggest milling companies in the world, Indonesian-based P.T. Bogasari. The International Grains Council (IGC) forecast 2019-20 total grain production at 13.3

million tonnes in Indonesia, 8.3 million in the Philippines and 5.3 million in Thailand. [Read more](#)

Australia to continue buying Canadian wheat

Australia, which made a rare purchase of Canadian wheat in the current marketing year, is expected to continue buying more wheat in the 2019-20 marketing year (October-September), as weather conditions remain difficult in key states, market analysts say. Australia's wheat output dropped 45.6% to 17.3 million mt in the 2018-19 marketing year from a record high of 31.8 million mt in 2016-17, owing to prolonged drought conditions, data from the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics shows. [Read more](#)

El Nino gone; winter outlook unclear

A weak El Nino went away in July as sea-surface temperatures in the Pacific Ocean along the equator cooled to within normal range, the National Weather Service reported. [Read more](#)

No end in sight for U.S.-China trade war, USMCA ratification

Congressmen speaking at the International Sweetener Symposium Aug. 6 in Asheville, North Carolina, U.S., said they expect ratification of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) late in the year or early next year, while a trade deal with China may not happen until after the 2020 election cycle. "I think it (USMCA) will pass," said Congressman David Rouzer of North Carolina. "It will take a little time." House speaker Nancy Pelosi won't bring it to the floor until it has majority support from her conference, he added. Meanwhile, Congressman

Filemon Vela of Texas said he was confident the USMCA would not come to the floor of the House in September or October, but there was a “decent chance” it would could come up for a vote in late November or December. [Read more](#)

Idaho Wheat 1959 - 2019

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Idaho Wheat Commission. We'll be celebrating all year, and invite you to join us.



Dwight D. Eisenhower was the President of the United States when the Idaho Wheat Commission was established in 1959. [Here are ten things you might not know about the 34th POTUS.](#)



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