

IDAHO Farm Facts

Geothermal water helps Idaho grow catfish, tilapia and alligators
The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is part of the USDA
40% of Idaho is covered in trees
Lean beef has ZIP – Zinc, Iron, Protein and many B-vitamins
2012 Farm Cash Receipts for Idaho – \$7.59 billion
Only 31% of Idaho land is privately owned
Idaho produces rainbow trout and white sturgeon
University of Idaho Extension offices are in 42 counties
There are 50 Soil Conservation Districts in Idaho
More foods are made with wheat than any other cereal grain
Idaho exports more than 50% of its wheat crop
Idaho produces over 180 different commodities
The Salmon River is the longest river in the lower 48 states contained within one state
Female sheep are called ewes
NRCS measures winter snow and forecasts water supply for summer agriculture use
Potatoes are fat-free and cholesterol free
The Census of Agriculture is conducted every 5 years, and covered 2012
Cattle stomachs have 4 compartments
An acre of canola can produce 175 gallons of biodiesel
Nearly half of Idaho is classified as rangeland
Idaho produces 60% of the world's hybrid sweet corn seed
Over 10 million tree seedlings are hand-planted in Idaho every year
Barley came to America with Christopher Columbus
The average American eats 117 pounds of potatoes each year
The Snake River is over 779 miles long
Idaho ranks #3 in mint production nationally
71% of the Earth's surface is covered with water
There are 15 calories in a teaspoon of sugar
Brown and white eggs have the same nutritional value
Over 30 cuts of beef are considered "Lean" by USDA
There are over 2 million beef cattle in Idaho
A gallon of water weighs 8.34 pounds
Coyotes kill more sheep than all other predators combined
Idaho grows more potatoes than any other state in the US
Average size of an Idaho farm/ranch is 482 acres
Sugar is a pure, natural sweetener
1/3 of our food supply is pollinated
Agriculture Co-ops are owned by farmers and ranchers
An average milk cow produces 350,000 glasses of milk in her lifetime

Natural processes can take over 500 years to form 1" of top soil
Farm Service Agency manages farm commodity, credit, disaster & loan programs
A pluot is a cross between a plum and an apricot
A potato is 80% water and 20% solids
Idaho ranks #1 in barley production nationally
Average age of an Idaho farmer/rancher is 57.6
Kentucky bluegrass seed is grown north of the Salmon River
Canada is the leading export market for Idaho agriculture products
Idaho produces seed to grow enough green beans to fill 4 billion cans
The Idaho Preferred® logo means foods are grown or processed in Idaho
Harvest of Idaho apples begins in August
Every American uses over 1 ton of wood per year
An acre is about the size of a football field
Most Idaho beans are grown in the Magic & Treasure Valleys
There are over 20 native tree species in Idaho
Groundwater accounts for 94% of our drinking water
Idaho produces more rainbow trout than any other state in the US
Dairy is Idaho's #1 top dollar commodity
Growing bluegrass seed is beneficial to water, soil and air
Shoshone BLM is responsible for over 115 caves in their region
80% of Idaho irrigation water comes from rivers and reservoirs
Idaho has approximately 3 million irrigated acres
It takes less than one drop of mint oil to flavor 7 packs of gum
BLM maintains all survey records in the United States
Twin Falls BLM District manages 4.3 million acres
FFA has been an integral part of Idaho High Schools since 1928
Families and individuals who own forestland are called "Tree Farmers"
15 million acres (74%) of national forests in Idaho need restoration.
Idaho law requires reforestation after timber harvest
BLM is a part of the Department of Interior
Gophers and rock chucks damage agriculture lands and irrigation canals
There are over 52 species of mosquitoes in Idaho
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Idaho's rich phosphate mineral reserves are from an ancient ocean
Phosphorus is an "essential element" in nature
Phosphorus is required for growth of plants, animals and humans
90% of all phosphate fertilizers in the Western US come from Idaho