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Common Idaho Crops & Qualifying Activities



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Dear Idaho Family Liaison,

This document is intended to help you as you are qualifying students for the Migrant Education Program, especially if you are just learning about agriculture in your area. We do not include dates when these activities take place since they vary widely from one part of the state to another. However, there is room in the book for you to jot notes on beginning and ending dates for the different activities in your area.

Here is how to use the document.

Part I contains lists of common activities for the three main areas of agriculture in Idaho, field crops, fruit crops, livestock, ranching, and dairies. Each contains activities for crop production and initial processing. Become familiar with these terms and the associated type of agriculture.

Part II contains a list of common agriculture crops in Idaho, listed alphabetically. For crops that have unique tasks (e.g. detasseling corn, moving sugar beets from the field to the beet dump), those terms are also listed with that crop. Feel free to mark up your document with notes about your local crops, dates, and activities.

This is an easy-to-update document. As you encounter new activities or crops, please feel free to send those to us at the SDE, so that we can make changes to this booklet.

This document replaces the *Qualifying Activities* booklet that was published several years ago. If you have a copy, please discard it. One thing to keep in mind is that Idaho is a large state with many different climates that are affected by elevation, mountain ranges, and geography. Crops and activities are affected by climate, soil, and other factors. Just because a crop or activity is in this document doesn't mean that it necessarily happens in your area. Please select activities, crops, and dates based on the information you get from families.

The most frequent reason a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) is rejected is that the activity does not reasonably happen in a particular area at a particular time of year. For example, if a COE says that a worker was irrigating crops in January, there better be a comment stating that the farmer uses water to irrigate in a greenhouse! We hope this document will be helpful. Happy recruiting!

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PART I- COMMON ACTIVITIES

Certain activities happen with a wide variety of agricultural products, while others are very specific to certain products. This section lists several common activities by the type of plant or animal with which they are most often associated. (Specific terms have been listed with the associated crops on the following pages.) These terms must be used with a product (e.g. plant, animal, or fish) to create the qualifying activity on the Certificate of Eligibility. Some examples would be "irrigating onions" or "picking cherries." Some words may be interchangeable or mean roughly the same thing (e.g. weeding or hoeing) depending on the crop. Use your knowledge of your area, specialty crops, local trends, and common sense when choosing the word that best fits the activity the worker is doing.

Field Crops	
Cleaning Ditches (Provide Comment)	S
Cultivating ground/soil preparation	S
Cutting	S
Fertilizing	S
Grading	S
Harvesting	S
Hoeing	S
Irrigating	S
Moving	S
Packing	S
Picking/Gathering	S
Planting	S
Sorting	S
Spraying	S
Thinning	S
Unloading	S

Field Crops	
Weeding	S
Weighting	S

Fruit Crops	
Bagging	S
Boxing	S
Checking	S
Cleaning	S
Fertilizing	S
Grading	S
Grafting	S
Irrigating	S
Laying Plastic	S
Mowing	S
Packaging	S
Picking/Gathering	S
Prop Removing	S
Propping	S
Pruning	S
Putting Bees in Orchard	S
Raking brush/Cleaning Orchard	S
Raking/Clearing brush	S
Removing trees	S
Smudging	S
Sorting	S

Fruit Crops	
Spraying	S
Thinning	S
Training Trees	S
Trimming Suckers	S
Tying	S
Weighting	S
Waxing	S

Livestock, Ranching, Meat & Dairy	
Branding	T
Bottling Raw Milk	T
Butchering	T
Calving	T
Castrating	T
Cleaning	T
Cutting	T
Deboning	T
Dehorning	T
Delivering young	T
Driving to range	T
Eviscerating	T
Feeding	T
Freezing	T
Grinding	T
Hauling	T
Hanging	T
Herding	T
Inseminating	T
Inspecting	T
Lambing	T

Livestock, Ranching, Meat & Dairy	
Loading/Unloading “Raw Milk” (Provide General Comment)	T
Marking	T
Milking	T
Moving	T
Packing (raw meat)	T
Peeling	T
Quartering/halving	T
Rounding up	T
Skinning	T
Slaughtering	T
Tending	T
Trimming	T
Tying	T
Vaccinating	T
Washing	T
Watering	T

*Please note that these are not exhaustive lists of activities. Other activities may take place.

*Reminder: **Seasonal (S) VS Temporary (T)**

Seasonal: Seasonal employment means employment that occurs only during a certain period of the year because of the cycles of nature and that, by its nature, may not be continuous or carried on throughout the year. [34 CFR § 200.81(o)]

Temporary: Temporary employment means employment that lasts for a limited period of time, usually a few months, but no longer than 12 months. It typically includes employment where the employer states that the worker was hired for a limited time frame; the worker states that the worker does not intend to remain in that employment indefinitely; or the SEA has determined on some other reasonable basis that the employment is temporary. [34 CFR § 200.81(p)]

PART II: COMMON IDAHO CROPS (WITH SPECIALIZED ACTIVITIES)

The following list of crops and the activities specific to them are crops that are commonly grown in various parts of Idaho. Some Crops on the list may only be grown in one or two areas. There may also be specialty crops only grown on one or two farms that may not be listed here.

Alfalfa	
Baling	S
Cutting/Swathing	S
Raking/Turning	S
Stacking	S

*See Field Crops

Apples

*See Fruit Crops

Apricots

*See Fruit Crops

Asparagus	
Burning Weeds	S
Cutting	S

*See Field Crops

Barley (See Alfalfa)

*See Field Crops

Beans

*See Field Crops

Beets (See also Sugar Beets)

*See Field Crops

Bell Peppers

*See Field Crops

Berries

*See Fruit Crops

Carrots

*See Field Crops

Carrot Seeds	
Bagging	S
Rogueing	S
Separating	S

*See Field Crops

Cattle-Ranching

*See Livestock, Ranching & Dairy

Cherries

*See Fruit Crops

Chicken Farms	
Egg Gathering	T
Debeaking	T

*See Livestock, Ranching & Dairy

Chiles

*See Field Crops

Christmas Trees	
Bailing/Wrapping	S
Gathering Trimmings	S
Marking	S
Pruning	S
Removing Stumps	T

Christmas Trees	
Replanting	S
Seeding	S
Loading/Unloading truck	T
Replanting	S
Seeding	S
Shaping	S
Shearing	S
Stacking	S
Tagging	S

*See Field Crops

Corn	
Detasseling	S
Husking/Stripping	S
Pollinating	S

*See Field Crops

Dairy	
Cleaning Barns/Corrals/Cow Pens	T
Milking	T

*See Livestock, Ranching & Dairy

Eggs	
Cleaning Chicken Houses	T
Injecting	T

Eggs	
Rotating Chickens	T
Sorting Eggs	T

*See Livestock, Ranching & Dairy

Fish	
Feeding	T
Gutting	T
Moving	T
Deboning	T

*See Livestock, Ranching & Dairy

Forestry/Logging	
Bucking	T
Burning	T
Clearing bush	T
Cutting shrubs	T
De-barking	T
De-limbing	T
Digging	T
Extracting	T
Felling	T
Grading	T
Loading	T
Marking	T

Forestry/Logging	
Moving	T
Netting	T
Planting/Replanting	S
Reforestation	S
Skidding	T
Slash burning	T
Slash cutting	T
Thinning	T
Unloading	T
Watering	T

Grapes	
Netting	S
Tying	S

*See Fruit Crops

Grass-Seed	
Bagging	S
Burning	S
Cleaning	S
Grading	S

*See Field Crops

Green Beans

*See Field Crops

Hay (See Alfalfa)

*See Field Crops

Hemp	
Cloning	S
Cultivating-ground/soil preparation	S
Fertilizing	S
Hanging	S
Hoeing	S
Irrigating-Changing/Moving pipes	S
Laying Plastic	S
Planting	S
Cutting/Trimming	S
Weeding	

Honey Bees	
Checking for Honey	S
Cleaning Bee hives	S
Collecting Honeycombs	S
Feeding Bees	S
Hauling Bees (Provide Comment)	S
Moving Bees (Provide Comment)	S
Placing Bees into boxes in a field	S

Honey Bees	
Putting queen Bee in an orchard	S
Taking honey from honeycombs	S

Hops	
Cutting Strings	S
Fasting Vines	S
Moving Posts	T
Planting (Seeds or Seedlings)	S
Prepare Roots	S
Preparing Posts	T
Repairing Posts	T
Setting/Creating new field	T
Stringing/Tying	S
Training vines	S
Wiring	T

*See Field Crops

Sod (Grass)	
Mowing	S
Trimming	S
Rolling	S

*See Field Crops

Mint	
Bunding Roots	S

Mint	
Distilling	S
Mashing	S
Packing Roots	S
Rogueing	S
Stomping	S

*See Field Crops

Mink

*See Livestock, Ranching and Dairy

Nursery	
Cutting	S
Digging	S
Potting	S
Planting	S
Pruning	S
Repotting	S
Sowing	S
Tagging	S
Transplanting	S
Trimming/Pruning	S
Tying	S
Watering	S

*See Field or Fruit Crops

Oats (See Barley)

*See Field Crops

Onion Seed (See Carrot Seed)

*See Field Crops

Onions	
Cleaning	S
Drying	S
Inspecting	S
Sizing	S
Topping	S

*See Field Crops

Peaches

*See Fruit Crops

Pears

*See Fruit Crops

Peas

*See Field Crops

Peppers

*See Field Crops

Potatoes	
Bagging	S
Boxing	S
Checking	S
Cleaning Seed	S
Clearing Brush	S
Cutting (Raw)	S

Potatoes	
Cutting Seed	S
Digging	S
Rogueing	S
Fluming	S
Hauling	

*See Field Crops

Pumpkins	
Washing	S

*See Filed Crops

Sheep Ranching	
Shearing	T
Tagging	T

*See Livestock, Ranching & Dairy

Sugar Beets	
Hauling to beet dump	S
Sampling	S
Specking	S
Topping	

*See Field Crops

Watermelon	
Laying Plastic	S

*See Filed Crops

Wheat	
Cleaning	S
Storing on farm	S

*See Field Crops