

- Idaho is one of the most water-rich states in the country with its multitude of rivers, lakes, and aquifers.
- Idaho is the third largest water user in the U.S. consuming 19.5 billion gallons per day of freshwater. Only California and Texas use more.
- Idaho is the nation's 4th largest user of groundwater. Groundwater comprises only 22% of Idaho's total water use, but nearly 92% of our drinking water.
- Domestic and commercial water use (for homes, restaurants, office buildings) comprises 1.7% of Idaho's water use. But per capita use is high: Idahoans use nearly 233 gallons per person per day in homes and businesses. Utah uses more water per capita—244 gallons per day.
- Irrigation. Due in part to irrigation, Idaho ranks 1st in the nation in the production of potatoes, barley, and commercial trout; 2nd in spearmint; 3rd in sugarbeets, hops, peppermint, and onions.

Source: USGS publication. Also see Quality Water for Idaho, CIS 887, updated 2002