

NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK & WEATHER REPORT



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General: Producers made excellent progress harvesting crops, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Aided by generally warm, dry weather, potato and dry edible bean harvest passed the midway point. Durum wheat harvest neared completion, almost two weeks ahead of the five-year (2000-2004) average. On average, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork statewide. Reporters noted a frost is needed to aid the dry down process of corn, soybeans and sunflowers. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 10 percent very short, 32 short, 54 adequate and 4 surplus and similar to the average.

Crops: All fall harvested crop development continued to make excellent progress aided by above normal temperatures. Corn mature gained 29 percentage points to 55 percent, same as the average. Corn cut for silage was 68 percent chopped by week's end. Dry edible beans were 76 percent cut and 56 percent harvested compared with 64 and 47 percent on average, respectively. Soybeans mature leaves dropping jumped to 83 percent and has moved ahead of average. Potatoes dug gained 30 percentage points to 58 percent dug and was ahead of average. Sunflower development remained ahead of average with 63 percent bracts turned brown. Sugarbeets lifted, at 6 percent, was slightly behind average.

Livestock: Limited precipitation reduced range and pasture condition ratings to 49 percent good to excellent, though better than average at 26 percent good to excellent. Stockwater supplies were rated 79 percent adequate to surplus, down from last week.

Crop Development Progress ^{1/} September 25, 2005 with Comparisons

Crop	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
	Sept 25, 2005	Sept 18, 2005	Sept 25, 2004	
(Percent)				
DURUM WHEAT				
Harvested	94	88	65	87
CANOLA				
Harvested	97	94	65	90
CORN				
Dented	98	91	66	92
Mature	55	26	5	55
Harvested for Grain	1	0	0	2
CORN FOR SILAGE				
Chopped	68	43	46	69
DRY EDIBLE BEANS				
Mature Leaves Dropping	98	94	58	91
Cut	76	54	14	64
Harvested	56	26	3	47
FLAXSEED				
Harvested	91	84	43	79
POTATOES				
Vines Killed	83	75	87	91
Dug	58	28	35	47
SOYBEANS				
Lower Leaves Yellowing	98	91	82	95
Mature Leaves Dropping	83	59	49	81
Harvested	17	2	1	15
SUGARBEETS				
Lifted	6	3	4	7
SUNFLOWER				
Bracts Turned Yellow	98	92	47	85
Bracts Turned Brown	63	42	13	54
Harvested	0	NA	0	1

^{1/} Crop development percents represent all acreage in or beyond each stage.
NA = Not Available

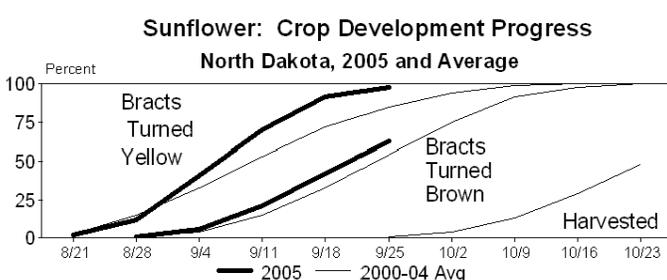
Crop and Pasture Condition Week Ending September 25, 2005

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
(Percent)					
Corn	2	6	23	49	20
Soybeans	2	6	19	53	20
Sugarbeets	2	15	29	48	6
Sunflower	0	2	14	65	19
Pasture and Range	4	14	33	46	3

Harvest Progress by District September 25, 2005

Crop	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
(Percent)									
Durum Wheat	90	97	96	100	100	100	99	99	100
Canola	99	94	96	99	99	100	99	100	100
Dry Edible Beans	35	29	57	85	71	34	NA	NA	44
Flaxseed	89	80	89	97	95	99	99	99	92

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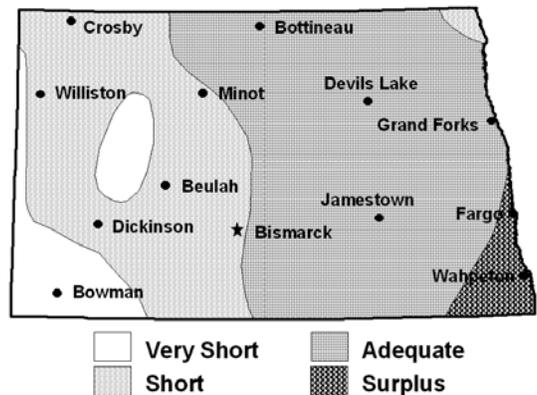
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Soil Moisture: North Dakota

Date	Week Ending			2000-2004 Avg.
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(Percent)				
TOPSOIL				
Very Short	10	6	9	13
Short	32	32	18	29
Adequate	54	57	62	53
Surplus	4	5	11	5
SUBSOIL				
Very Short	8	5	16	17
Short	28	28	19	27
Adequate	59	62	57	52
Surplus	5	5	8	4

**Topsoil Moisture Supplies
 September 25, 2005**



Weather: Very warm conditions to start out the week. Highs reached well into the 70s on Monday and even into the mid-80s on Tuesday. A fairly strong cold front moved across the state on Wednesday, dropping temperatures to near seasonal normals. Highs were in the 60s to near 70 degrees. Some areas in the central and west saw the first frost advisories of the season issued on Thursday morning. Low temperatures fell to around 30 degrees in the far northwest to the mid-30s in the central and south. Eastern areas saw lows in the upper 30s. Temperatures remained near seasonal normals through the first half of the weekend. Highs were in the 60s and lows in the 40s. Another front passed early on Saturday which brought scattered showers to the southern and eastern areas. Temperatures cooled down behind the front, with high temperatures in the upper 50s to mid-60s

Outlook, September 26-October 2: Typical fall conditions to end September and begin October. Most of the week will see normal to above normal temperatures and periodic chances of rain. Many areas of the state may even see the first widespread frost of the season on the morning of Thursday. Temperatures will be mild for the first half of the week, with highs mostly in the upper 60s to low 70s and lows in the 40s. Temperatures will cool for midweek. Highs will be in the mid-50s to low 60s. Overnight low temperatures will be in the 30s with a chance of frost especially in the eastern third. Temperatures will warm again on Thursday and Friday. Highs will be in the upper 60s to mid-70s. Look for a chance of showers and a few thunderstorms on Friday. The weekend will bring a chance of showers for the state and highs in the 60s.

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations
 North Dakota, Week ending September 25, 2005**

District Averages	Average Temperature		Seasonal Precipitation Beginning April 1 ^{1/}		
	Past Week	Depart Normal ^{2/}	Past Week	Total	Depart Normal ^{2/}
		(Degrees F)		(Inches)	
Northwest (1)	56	3	0.10	12.11	-0.31
N. Central (2)	54	2	0.06	18.34	4.73
Northeast (3)	55	1	0.19	16.06	2.57
W. Central (4)	58	3	0.04	12.89	0.52
Central (5)	59	4	0.10	14.26	0.97
E. Central (6)	60	5	0.16	20.16	5.16
Southwest (7)	60	5	0.00	12.79	1.06
S. Central (8)	63	8	0.17	15.45	2.83
Southeast (9)	63	8	0.42	21.39	6.50

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Stations by District	Temperature Past Week		Seasonal Precipitation Beginning April 1 ^{1/}		
	High	Low	Past Week	Total	Depart Normal ^{2/}
		(Degrees F)		(Inches)	
(1) Bowbells	75	33	0.11	11.91	-1.17
Williston	82	36	0.03	8.95	-1.31
Mohall	74	34	0.18	10.68	-2.39
Minot	79	35	0.09	16.88	3.65
(2) Baker	77	36	0.01	18.56	5.56
Bottineau	75	33	0.14	19.38	5.33
Rugby	74	33	0.02	17.07	3.31
(3) Cando	75	33	0.08	16.03	3.85
Cavalier	76	36	0.26	15.83	1.84
Forest River	78	34	0.09	16.94	3.47
Grand Forks	78	39	0.42	17.38	3.60
Langdon	73	36	0.16	15.77	1.72
St. Thomas	75	35	0.16	14.42	0.95
(4) Hazen	85	29	0.00	15.13	2.60
Turtle Lake	82	38	0.00	11.51	-1.40
Watford City	83	34	0.12	12.03	0.35
(5) Carrington	83	35	0.13	11.48	-3.43
Harvey	80	31	0.00	15.38	4.01
Jamestown	82	40	0.12	20.18	6.44
Robinson	82	37	0.13	11.85	-1.09
Streeter	84	37	0.14	12.41	-1.07
(6) Dazey	82	38	0.44	18.67	3.65
Fargo	82	42	0.00	20.70	5.90
Hillsboro	80	40	0.03	21.11	5.94
(7) Beach	82	38	0.00	14.50	3.22
Bowman	84	38	0.01	10.93	-0.34
Dickinson	84	34	0.00	14.03	1.61
Hettinger	86	34	0.00	11.68	-0.23
(8) Mandan	85	40	0.15	15.58	2.45
Linton	88	39	0.19	15.32	3.21
(9) Edgeley	87	41	0.20	21.11	6.62
Oakes	85	43	0.38	21.54	7.32
Wyndmere	85	41	0.69	21.52	5.57

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