

# NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK & WEATHER REPORT



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**General:** Another week of cool temperatures hampered late season crop progress, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Growing degree days continued to lag behind normal in the state except the southwest area. Reporters were concerned that many late season crops may not reach maturity before a killing frost. Small grain condition remained mostly good to excellent as harvest started. Disease was reported as becoming evident in wheat and barley in some northern areas of the state. Statewide, on average, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Topsoil moisture supply ratings were above last year, but below the five-year average (1999-2003). They were rated 14 percent very short, 24 short, 55 adequate and 7 surplus compared to the average of 9 percent very short, 26 short, 60 adequate and 5 surplus.

**Crops:** All small grain crop harvest ratings were behind the average. Barley harvested was rated at 10 percent compared to the average of 20 percent. Spring wheat harvest was a week behind average. Spring and durum wheat were rated 68 and 38 percent turning and beyond compared to the average of 77 and 47 percent, respectively. All late season crop development was around a week behind normal. Corn silking and beyond was rated at 75 percent compared to the average of 95 percent. Soybean and dry edible bean podding increased significantly, but the rating for the fully podded stage was more than a week behind the average.

Spring wheat condition was rated 48 percent good and 24 excellent, above the average of 49 percent good and 12 excellent. Durum wheat condition was rated 50 percent good and 10 excellent which was also above average. Corn condition was rated 57 percent good to excellent, down from 65 percent the previous week, 72 percent last year and average. The soybean crop condition was rated 66 percent good to excellent down from 73 percent last year, but up from the average of 65 percent

**Livestock:** Pasture and range condition improved slightly in most areas of the state with 37 percent of pastures and ranges rated good to excellent, equal to last year. Stockwater supplies were rated 73 percent adequate to surplus compared to 74 percent last year. Second cutting alfalfa was rated 68 percent complete compared to 72 percent last year. Other hay baling was 84 percent complete. The hay crop condition was rated 38 percent good to excellent compared to 48 percent last year.

## Small Grain Development Progress <sup>1/</sup> August 8, 2004 with Comparisons

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	1999-03 Avg.
(Percent)				
BARLEY				
Turning	84	65	94	85
Combined	10	2	32	20
DURUM WHEAT				
Headed	92	90	99	98
Milk	74	68	83	85
Turning	38	31	50	47
Combined	2	1	7	4
HRS WHEAT				
Milk	94	86	99	96
Turning	68	47	83	77
Combined	5	1	17	16
OATS				
Milk	96	92	99	97
Turning	79	62	90	83
Combined	17	4	23	22

<sup>1/</sup> Crop development percents represent all acreage in or beyond each stage. NA = Not Available

## Late Season Crop Development Progress <sup>1/</sup> August 8, 2004 with Comparisons

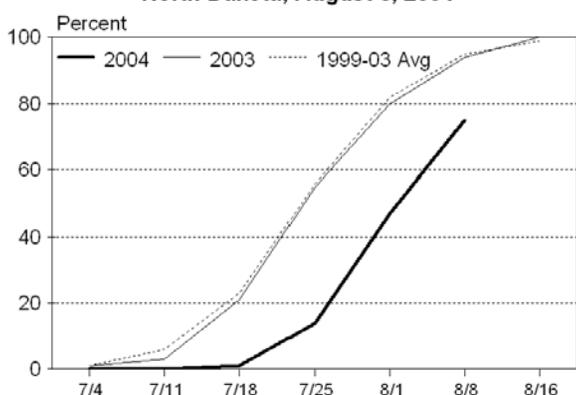
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	1999-03 Avg.
(Percent)				
CANOLA				
Turning	61	41	84	79
Swathed	12	4	47	37
Combined	0	NA	6	4
CORN				
Silking	75	47	94	95
Dough	6	0	20	30
DRY EDIBLE BEANS				
Blooming	90	72	96	97
Podding	48	17	71	77
Fully Podded	1	0	17	21
FLAXSEED				
Blooming	96	95	100	99
Turning	37	25	67	53
Combined	0	NA	1	1
POTATOES				
Blooming	99	94	99	100
Rows Filled	89	70	93	95
Vines Killed	6	0	6	2
SOYBEANS				
Blooming	96	83	97	98
Podding	67	36	76	82
Fully Podded	5	0	13	27
SUNFLOWER				
Blooming	36	8	65	60

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## Crop and Pasture Condition Week Ending August 8, 2004

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
(Percent)					
Barley	3	3	19	54	21
Durum Wheat	5	6	29	50	10
HR Spring Wheat	3	6	19	48	24
Oats	8	8	29	45	10
Canola	2	7	29	44	18
Corn, All	2	10	31	46	11
Dry Edible Beans	1	5	32	50	12
Flaxseed	2	3	29	55	11
Potatoes	1	4	29	53	13
Soybeans	0	6	28	51	15
Sugarbeets	1	3	24	55	17
Sunflower	1	9	35	46	9
Hay	18	12	32	32	6
Pasture and Range	17	17	29	32	5

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