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General: Widespread frost was reported over much of the state last week, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Reporters indicated that damage varied greatly with dry edible beans, soybeans and corn being the most affected. Small grain harvest continued while warm weather was reported as being needed to push crop development and harvest. Statewide, on average, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Topsoil moisture was about the same as the five-year average (1999-2003) and more than last year. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 16 percent very short, 26 short, 54 adequate and 4 surplus compared to the average of 13 percent very short, 27 short, 54 adequate and 6 surplus.

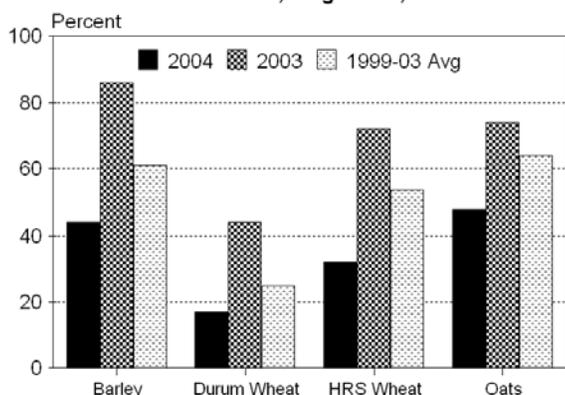
Crops: Small grain harvest made good progress this week, but is still a week behind normal. Durum wheat was 63 percent turning and beyond compared to the average of 87 percent. Barley harvest was 44 percent complete compared to the average of 61 percent. The combining of spring and durum wheat was 32 and 17 percent complete, compared to 54 and 25 percent on average, respectively.

Corn dent and beyond was 2 percent, nearly two weeks behind the average, with none considered mature. Corn silage chopping was just beginning. Dry edible bean and soybean development is more than one week behind, with only 4 and 1 percent of the lower leaves were yellowing compared to the average of 40 and 14 percent, respectively. Sunflower blooming showed good progress last week and was rated at 3 percent ray flowers dried/dropped and beyond compared to the average of 27 percent.

Crop conditions were generally rated lower than last week. Sugarbeets and potatoes, however, remained about the same. Spring wheat and durum wheat condition was rated 68 and 56 percent good to excellent, down 5 and 9 points from the previous week, respectively. Dry edible bean condition was 43 percent good to excellent, down from 65 percent the previous week. Soybean and corn conditions were rated 52 and 48 percent good to excellent, also down 10 and 8 points from last week, respectively. Canola condition was rated 56 percent good to excellent down from 69 percent the previous week.

Livestock: Pasture and range conditions declined again last week with 28 percent rated good to excellent, compared to the average of 42 percent. Hay condition was rated 18 percent very poor, 14 poor, 28 fair, 35 good and 5 excellent compared to 15 percent very poor, 12 poor, 34 fair, 33 good and 6 excellent the previous week. Second cutting alfalfa was 82 percent complete, and other hay was 92 percent complete. Stockwater supplies were rated 8 percent very short, 24 short, 66 adequate and 2 surplus, down slightly from the previous week.

Small Grains Combined
North Dakota, August 22, 2004



Small Grain Development Progress ^{1/} August 22, 2004 with Comparisons

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	1999-03 Avg.
(Percent)				
BARLEY				
Turning	95	94	100	98
Combined	44	20	86	61
DURUM WHEAT				
Milk	92	88	99	99
Turning	63	57	94	87
Combined	17	5	44	25
HRS WHEAT				
Turning	90	82	99	96
Combined	32	13	72	54
OATS				
Turning	93	90	100	97
Combined	48	27	74	64

^{1/} Crop development percents represent all acreage in or beyond each stage.

Late Season Crop Development Progress ^{1/} August 22, 2004 with Comparisons

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	1999-03 Avg.
(Percent)				
CANOLA				
Turning	82	76	99	96
Swathed	55	27	89	80
Combined	12	3	47	30
CORN				
Silking	95	89	100	100
Dough	27	11	74	81
Dented	2	0	20	29
CORN FOR SILAGE				
Chopped	1	NA	7	2
DRY EDIBLE BEANS				
Podding	95	71	97	97
Fully Podded	35	10	73	73
Lower Leaves Yellowing	4	0	42	40
FLAXSEED				
Turning	74	65	94	84
Combined	4	1	21	14
POTATOES				
Rows Filled	99	96	100	99
Vines Killed	15	8	40	22
SOYBEANS				
Podding	95	90	98	99
Fully Podded	40	22	76	75
Lower Leaves Yellowing	1	0	13	14
SUNFLOWER				
Blooming	84	63	98	96
Ray Flowers Dried/Dropped	3	2	38	27
Bracts Turned Yellow	1	NA	5	4

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

Crop and Pasture Condition Week Ending August 22, 2004

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
(Percent)					
Barley	3	4	25	50	18
Durum Wheat	4	10	30	47	9
HR Spring Wheat	3	6	23	47	21
Oats	6	10	34	41	9
Canola	3	8	33	45	11
Corn, All	4	16	32	42	6
Dry Edible Beans	9	15	33	36	7
Flaxseed	2	6	30	55	7
Potatoes	1	3	24	50	22
Soybeans	2	12	34	45	7
Sugarbeets	1	2	21	57	19
Sunflower	2	9	37	46	6
Hay	18	14	28	35	5
Pasture and Range	21	22	29	25	3

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