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General: Limited harvest progress was made last week as weekend rains dampened much of the state, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide, on average, only 4.5 days were suitable for fieldwork last week. Producers experienced a week of contrasts from wildfires in the southwest to fog and heavy dew in the northeast. Southern districts were completing small grain harvest, while northern districts reported concerns about uneven small grain ripening and slow harvest. White mold was reported in sunflower in the northeast area of the state. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 66 percent adequate to surplus compared to the five-year average (1999-2003) of 58 adequate to surplus.

Crops: Small grain harvest was still behind average. Spring and durum wheat harvest, at 53 and 32 percent complete, were nearly two weeks behind the average. Oat and barley harvest were 79 and 73 percent complete compared to the average of 87 and 86 percent, respectively. Late season crop progress continued to fall behind. Dry edible beans and soybeans were rated 20 and 15 percent lower leaves yellowing and beyond, which were 63 and 36 percentage points behind the average. Corn was more than two weeks behind average with denting and beyond rated at 13 percent compared to the average of 70 percent.

Spring and durum wheat conditions were rated at 65 and 50 percent good to excellent compared to 69 and 63 percent the previous week. Corn and soybean conditions were relatively stable compared to the previous week. Corn condition was down 1 percentage point and soybean condition was up 4 percentage points from the previous week. Dry edible bean condition also improved during the past week.

Livestock: Hay baling neared completion in the state. Second cutting alfalfa was 94 percent complete compared to 89 percent complete the previous week. Other hay baling was 97 percent complete. Pasture and range conditions were rated 29 percent good to excellent compared to 35 percent on average. Stockwater supplies were rated 10 percent very short, 21 short, 66 adequate and 3 surplus compared to 9 percent very short, 16 short, 72 adequate and 3 surplus on average.

Small Grain Development Progress ^{1/} September 5, 2004 with Comparisons

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	1999-03 Avg.
(Percent)				
BARLEY				
Combined	73	57	99	86
DURUM WHEAT				
Turning	83	67	100	99
Combined	32	20	89	55
HRS WHEAT				
Turning	97	93	100	99
Combined	53	41	95	79
OATS				
Combined	79	62	97	87

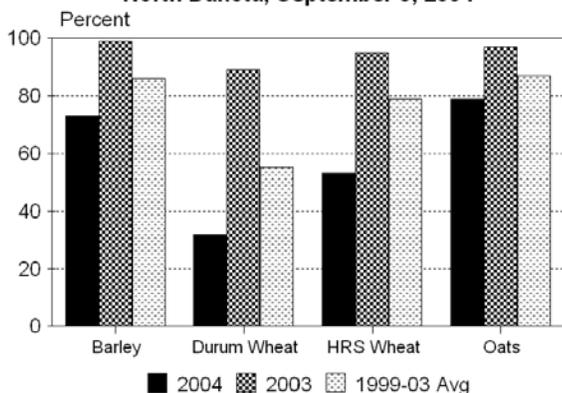
^{1/} Crop development percents represent all acreage in or beyond each stage.

Late Season Crop Development Progress ^{1/} September 5, 2004 with Comparisons

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	1999-03 Avg.
(Percent)				
CANOLA				
Turning	97	91	100	100
Swathed	87	72	100	97
Combined	29	16	86	64
CORN				
Dough	57	29	98	98
Dented	13	2	78	70
Mature	0	0	14	12
CORN FOR SILAGE				
Chopped	12	5	43	17
DRY EDIBLE BEANS				
Fully Podded	70	56	95	97
Lower Leaves Yellowing	20	8	88	83
FLAXSEED				
Turning	92	82	100	96
Combined	14	8	70	43
POTATOES				
Vines Killed	45	24	54	53
Dug	3	0	7	6
SOYBEANS				
Fully Podded	83	75	98	96
Lower Leaves Yellowing	15	9	59	51
Mature/Leaves Dropping	1	0	22	16
SUGARBEETS				
Lifted	0	0	2	1
SUNFLOWER				
Blooming	98	92	100	100
Ray Flowers Dried/Dropped	36	18	84	79
Bracts Turned Yellow	6	2	46	38

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Small Grains Combined
North Dakota, September 5, 2004



Crop and Pasture Condition Week Ending September 5, 2004

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
(Percent)					
Durum Wheat	6	13	31	43	7
HR Spring Wheat	3	9	23	47	18
Corn, All	6	19	35	35	5
Dry Edible Beans	9	20	35	31	5
Flaxseed	1	5	32	53	9
Potatoes	1	2	24	52	21
Soybeans	4	13	36	41	6
Sugarbeets	1	1	16	63	19
Sunflower	2	11	38	43	6
Pasture and Range	24	19	28	25	4

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