

NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK & WEATHER REPORT



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General: Mild weather during March provided favorable conditions for calving and lambing, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Moisture was reported as needed in the southwestern district; however, there was enough soil moisture to start planting over the weekend in some southwest counties. Statewide, average snow cover was 0.3 inches on March 25, compared with 2.3 inches last year.

Producers were busy hauling grain where roads permitted travel. County and secondary roads were rated 96 percent open, 3 difficult and 1 closed to travel. Road conditions were 18 percent muddy and 82 dry.

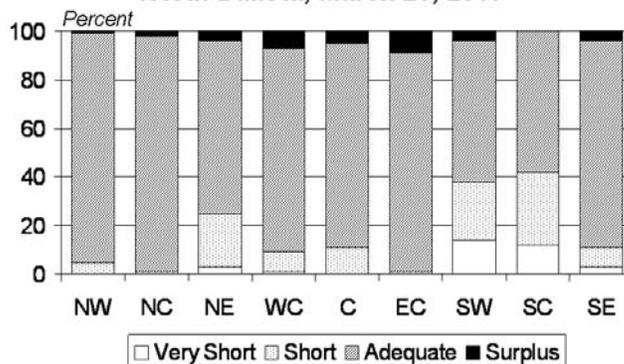
Crops: The statewide average starting date for fieldwork is expected to be April 13, 4 days ahead of last year. The expected starting dates ranged from March 30 in the southwest district to April 21 in the northeast district. The statewide five-year (2002-2006) average starting date is April 17.

Livestock: Favorable weather allowed calving and lambing to progress with few difficulties. Calving, at 41 percent, was ahead of last year's progress, while lambing, at 52 percent, was equal to last year's progress. Shearing moved closer to completion at 74 percent. Cow conditions were rated 2 percent poor, 19 fair, 66 good and 13 excellent. Calf conditions were rated 1 percent poor, 14 fair, 71 good and 14 excellent. Sheep

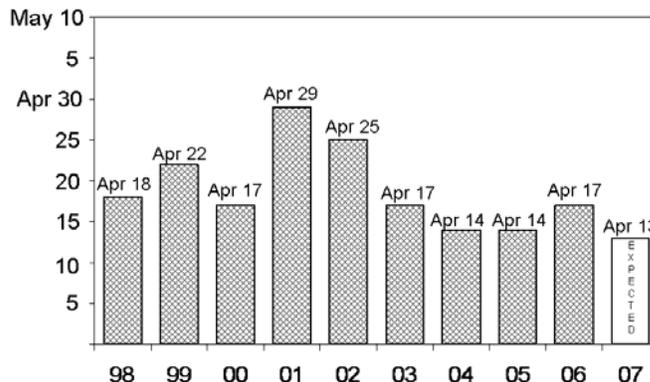
conditions were rated 2 percent poor, 23 fair, 63 good and 12 excellent. Lamb conditions were rated 2 percent poor, 18 fair, 66 good and 14 excellent.

Hay and forage supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 15 short, 75 adequate and 4 surplus, compared with last year's rating of 4 percent short, 86 adequate and 10 surplus. Grain and concentrate supplies were 1 percent very short, 10 short, 83 adequate and 6 surplus. Ninety-four percent of the pastures and ranges were dormant.

Hay and Forage Supplies by District
North Dakota, March 25, 2007



Average Start Date for Fieldwork
North Dakota, 1998-2007



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NORTH DAKOTA CROP WEATHER REPORT, Month Ending March 25, 2007

Weather: March arrived like a lion for most of the state. A snowstorm packed in heavy snow for the eastern half of the state during the first couple days of the month. A snowy pattern kept temperatures about average during the first two weeks of the month. The western half of the state tended to be drier and a lot warmer after receiving very little snow or rain during this period. The last half of the month has been extremely warm and somewhat dry depending upon your location. Temperatures across the entire state were well above average with no real arctic outbreaks occurring with the exception of the Red River Valley and the northeastern corner of the state. This area experienced very cold temperatures from the 15th through the 20th with overnight lows reaching double digits below zero. Precipitation has been hit or miss for the entire state during the last two weeks. A series of showers and thunderstorms swept across the southeastern half of the state. Unfortunately, the western half of the state has seen very little rain and has been relatively dry for the month of March. Some flooding has taken place along the Red River of the North, but should be minor considering the dry conditions last fall.

Outlook, April: It looks like April will start out a little wetter and a little cooler during the first two weeks of the month for the entire state. But overall, temperatures should rebound during the last weeks of the month leaving the entire state experiencing slightly above average temperatures. Rainfall/snowfall should be around average for the state with a higher chance for the eastern half of the state experiencing wetter conditions.

TEMPERATURE, March 1-25, 2007

District & Stations	Temperature			
	High	Low	Average	Depart/Norm ^{1/}
	Degrees F	Degrees F	Degrees F	Degrees F
NORTHWEST	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bowbells	75	-5	31	5
Williston	77	-1	36	6
Mohall	75	1	29	3
Minot	75	1	32	5
NORTH CENTRAL	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baker	72	-7	27	3
Bottineau	74	-12	26	2
Rugby	73	-5	26	2
NORTHEAST	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cando	68	-15	23	0
Cavalier	55	-14	23	-1
Forest River	61	-21	24	-1
Grand Forks	55	-14	25	-1
Langdon	54	-16	21	0
St. Thomas	56	-14	23	-2
WEST CENTRAL	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hazen	79	5	35	6
Turtle Lake	75	-2	32	5
Watford City	77	2	36	8
CENTRAL	NA	NA	NA	NA
Carrington	72	-5	29	2
Harvey	75	-2	31	5
Jamestown	73	-3	30	3
Robinson	73	-1	30	5
Streeter	73	-2	30	3
EAST CENTRAL	NA	NA	NA	NA
Dazey	63	-11	27	1
Fargo	67	-10	29	2
Hillsboro	63	-12	26	-1
SOUTHWEST	NA	NA	NA	NA
Beach	74	0	38	7
Bowman	76	4	37	7
Dickinson	77	-1	37	7
Hettinger	77	1	38	8
SOUTH CENTRAL	NA	NA	NA	NA
Mandan	80	5	35	6
Linton	76	4	34	5
SOUTHEAST	NA	NA	NA	NA
Edgeley	71	0	32	4
Oakes	68	-4	30	2
Wyndmere	67	-9	30	2

^{1/} Normal is the 1971-2000 average. NA=Not Available. Weather data collected from NDAWN stations and compiled by UND Aerospace Regional Weather Information Center.