

NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK & WEATHER REPORT



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General: Precipitation across the state slowed planting progress as cool weather slowed crop growth, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. In eastern areas, cold soil temperatures with intermittent rain and snow showers frustrated farmers as planting progressed slowly according to reporters. The north central part of the state received much needed rain last week. Feed and water supplies remain a concern for producers in western areas. Statewide, on average, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork, compared with 5.2 days last year. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 20 percent very short, 36 short, 42 adequate and 2 surplus, compared with the five-year (2003-2007) average of 4 percent very short, 14 short, 72 adequate and 10 surplus.

Crops: Planting progress for all small grains advanced ahead of the average. Spring wheat seeded, at 81 percent, increased 23 percentage points from last week and was ahead of last year. Durum wheat was 52 percent seeded, compared with 50 percent last year and 43 percent on average. Barley and oats were 75 percent and 81 percent seeded, respectively. Emergence was behind the average for all small grains.

Planting progress was behind the average for canola, corn, dry edible beans, potatoes, soybeans and sugarbeets. Sugarbeets showed the most planting progress, advancing 43 percentage points to 85 complete, compared with 96 percent last year. Forty-one percent of canola was planted compared with 73 percent last year. Corn, at 55 percent planted, remained behind the average of 60 percent. Dry edible peas were 89 percent planted, advancing 18 percentage points from the previous week. Flaxseed was 48 percent seeded, ahead of last year and the average. Potatoes were 36 percent planted compared with 47 percent last year and 40 percent on average. Soybeans were 12 percent planted, behind last year and the average. By week's end, sunflower planting was 6 percent complete. Emergence was behind the average for all other crops.

Livestock: Pastures were greening up with cattle being turned out to pasture. Hay and forage supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 25 short, 65 adequate and 5 surplus, compared with the previous year's rating of 8 percent very short, 16 short, 72 adequate and 4 surplus. Grain and concentrate supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 13 short, 80 adequate and 4 surplus. Pasture and range conditions were rated 14 percent very poor, 32 poor, 32 fair, 21 good and 1 excellent. They were rated 77 percent growing, compared with 66 percent growing the previous week.

Planting: Percent Completed by District North Dakota, Week Ending May 11, 2008

Crop	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
	--- Percent ---								
Barley	74	59	68	82	90	95	93	95	77
Durum Wheat	42	35	64	64	73	NA	87	93	68
Spring Wheat	60	60	80	83	86	89	92	93	93
Oats	63	59	64	82	81	94	88	92	79
Canola	56	33	19	82	54	NA	98	91	35
Corn	NA	40	54	28	46	71	29	20	59
Dry Edible Peas	93	76	65	94	75	100	95	98	NA
Flaxseed	46	26	32	59	41	NA	82	77	NA

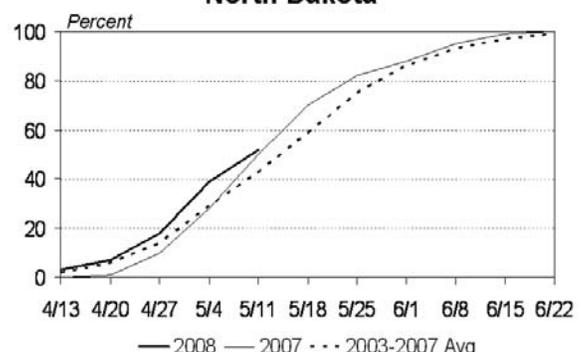
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Crop Development Progress North Dakota, Week Ending May 11, 2008^{1,2}

Crop	Week Ending			2003-2007 Avg
	May 11, 2008	May 4, 2008	May 11, 2007	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Barley				
Planted	75	50	78	66
Emerged	17	4	35	29
Durum Wheat				
Planted	52	39	50	43
Emerged	13	7	18	17
Spring Wheat				
Planted	81	58	78	71
Emerged	23	8	39	37
Oats				
Planted	81	60	72	69
Emerged	23	7	29	33
Canola				
Planted	41	22	73	54
Emerged	5	1	26	15
Corn, All				
Planted	55	16	55	60
Emerged	1	0	14	9
Dry Edible Beans				
Planted	2	1	5	4
Dry Edible Peas				
Planted	89	71	83	NA
Emerged	20	4	35	NA
Flaxseed				
Planted	48	20	39	36
Emerged	4	1	8	7
Potatoes				
Planted	36	10	47	40
Emerged	0	0	2	3
Soybeans				
Planted	12	1	14	17
Sugarbeets				
Planted	85	42	96	87
Emerged	5	1	20	23
Sunflowers				
Planted	6	2	8	5

¹ Crop development percents represent all acreage in or beyond each stage.
² Progress is based on current intended acreage. NA = Not Available

Durum Wheat: Planted North Dakota



Crop and Pasture Condition North Dakota, Week Ending May 11, 2008

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Spring Wheat	3	5	47	41	4
Oats	6	9	55	29	1
Pasture and Range	14	32	32	21	1

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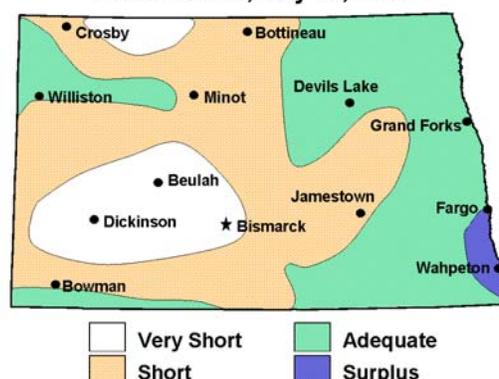
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**Soil Moisture Supplies
 North Dakota, Week Ending May 11, 2008**

Date	Week Ending			2003-2007 Avg
	May 11, 2008	May 4, 2008	May 11, 2007	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil				
Very Short	20	27	0	4
Short	36	32	9	14
Adequate	42	37	81	72
Surplus	2	4	10	10
Subsoil				
Very Short	26	30	2	7
Short	37	33	29	21
Adequate	36	36	62	65
Surplus	1	1	7	7

**Topsoil Moisture Supplies
 North Dakota, May 11, 2008**



Weather: This past week was fairly wet for most areas, especially the western half of the state with below normal temperatures. Monday was fairly dry except for a few light isolated showers in the northern part of the state with highs in the 60s to 70s. On Tuesday, a system of showers moved through the state with highs in the 60s to 70s. Wednesday brought showers that moved through the extreme southwestern part of the state as highs cooled into the 50s to 60s. Scattered showers fell on Thursday in the western and central regions of the state with highs staying in the 50s to 60s. On Friday, showers occurred in the western and central regions of the state and at night some areas received snow or a rain snow mix as highs fell into the 40s to low 60s. On Saturday, showers occurred in the eastern half of the state as highs stayed in the 40s to 50s. Sunday brought light scattered showers that moved across the state as highs warmed back up into the 60s to 70s.

Outlook, May 12-18: This week looks again to bring below normal temperatures with a chance of precipitation statewide especially early in the week. On Monday, a system of showers will bring precipitation to most of the state, especially the northern and eastern regions of the state, with highs in the upper 50s to 60s. Tuesday will bring a chance of scattered showers in the central and eastern regions of the state with highs in the 50s to 60s. On Wednesday, there is a chance of an isolated shower in the western half of the state with highs in the 60s. Thursday looks to be dry as highs continue to stay in the 60s. Friday and Saturday will continue to be dry with highs warming up to the 60s to 70s. On Sunday, there is a chance of an isolated shower in the eastern half of the state as highs drop into the 60s.

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations
 North Dakota, Week ending May 11, 2008**

Stations by District	Temperature Past Week		Seasonal Precipitation Beginning April 1 ^{1/}		
	High	Low	Past Week	Total	Depart Normal ^{2/}
	(Degrees F)	(Degrees F)	(Inches)	(Inches)	(Inches)
(1) Bowbells Williston Mohall Minot					
(2) Baker Bottineau Rugby					
(3) Cando Cavalier Forest River Grand Forks Langdon St. Thomas					
(4) Hazen Turtle Lake Watford City					
(5) Carrington Harvey Jamestown Robinson Streeter					
(6) Dazey Fargo Hillsboro					
(7) Beach Bowman Dickinson Hettinger					
(8) Mandan Linton					
(9) Edgeley Oakes Wyndmere					

NOT AVAILABLE

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District Averages	Average Temperature		Seasonal Precipitation Beginning April 1 ^{1/}		
	Past Week	Depart Normal ^{2/}	Past Week	Total	Depart Normal ^{2/}
	(Degrees F)	(Degrees F)	(Inches)	(Inches)	(Inches)
Northwest					
N. Central					
Northeast (3)					
W. Central					
Central	NOT AVAILABLE				
E. Central (6)					
Southwest					
S. Central (8)					
Southeast					

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