Livestock and beyond stage. The sunflower crop had 28 percent of their acreage in the ray flowers dried/dropped complete by week’s end. Sunflowers blooming were virtually all dry edible pea harvest neared completion at 94 percent by week’s end, compared with 59 percent last year and 43 percent on average. Dry edible beans in the fully podded stage advanced 40 percentage points to 68 percent complete. Canola harvest reached 19 percent complete by week’s end, compared with 59 percent last year and the average. Canola swathed remained 32 percent adequate to surplus. Statewide, on average, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

#### Crops

The small grain harvest made excellent progress last week. Durum wheat in the turning developmental stage neared completion at 93 percent by week’s end. Durum wheat harvested advanced 21 percentage points to 93 percent complete, compared with 54 percent last year and 45 percent on average. Spring wheat harvested, at 62 percent complete, progressed behind last year and the average. Barley and oats were 81 and 77 percent harvested, respectively.

All other crop conditions improved last week except for corn, where dry edible beans and flaxseed while corn was unchanged. Corn in the dough stage advanced 16 percentage points to 32 percent complete. Soybeans fully podded, at 67 percent complete, remained behind last year and the average. Canola swathed remained more than a week behind last year and the average. Canola harvested reached 19 percent complete by week’s end, compared with 59 percent last year and 43 percent on average. Dry edible beans in the fully podded stage advanced 40 percentage points to 68 percent complete. Dry edible pea harvest neared completion at 94 percent by week’s end. Sunflowers blooming were virtually complete by week’s end. The sunflower crop had 28 percent of their acreage in the ray flowers dried/dropped and beyond stage.

#### Livestock

Hay progress was aided by the hot, dry conditions. The second cutting of alfalfa was virtually complete at 95 percent. The harvest of other hay was virtually complete at 95 percent. The hay crop was rated 23 percent very poor, 34 poor, 29 fair, 12 good and 2 excellent. Pasture and range conditions were rated 24 percent very short, 28 short and 48 percent adequate to surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 51 percent adequate to surplus, poor, 32 fair, 51 good and 5 excellent. Stockwater supplies were rated 51 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 83 percent last year and 68 percent on average.

#### General

Hot, dry conditions allowed producers to make excellent progress on the harvest of small grains last week, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. The greatest amounts of precipitation were received in the northern areas of the state. Reporters noted that various insects remain a concern for producers. As a result, some producers have applied chemicals to protect late season crops. Reporters also noted that there is a general concern about water supplies. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 20 percent very short, 24 short, and 55 adequate and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 24 percent very short, 28 short and 48 percent adequate compared with the average of 17 percent very short, 30 short, 50 adequate and 3 surplus. Statewide, on average, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

#### Crop and Pasture Condition

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#### Crop Development Progress

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

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Weather: This past week had near normal temperatures as most parts of the state stayed fairly dry. Monday and Tuesday started off the week dry with temperatures in the 80s to 90s. Wednesday brought a few isolated thunderstorms in the northwest part of the state with highs continuing to stay in the 80s to 90s. On Thursday, a system of thunderstorms moved through the central and northern regions of the state with high temperatures. Monday will start off the week dry with highs in the 80s to 90s. Some of Thursday’s storms were strong to severe with 12 reports of hail occurring in the west central and central regions of the state. On Friday, a few scattered thunderstorms occurred mainly in the central and eastern regions of the state with highs falling into the 60s to 70s. Saturday stayed dry and cool with highs in the upper 60s to 70s. Sunday was also dry with temperatures rising into the 70s to 80s.

Outlook, August 25-31: This week looks to have a chance of precipitation statewide with below to near normal temperatures. Monday will start off the week dry with highs in the 80s to 90s. On Tuesday, there will be scattered thunderstorms statewide with highs cooling down into the 80s. Wednesday brings a chance of scattered thunderstorms in the western half of the state with highs staying in the 70s. On Thursday, there is a chance of scattered thunderstorms in the western half of the state with highs staying in the 70s. Friday and Saturday look to be dry with highs warming up into the 80s to 90s. Sunday brings a chance of an isolated thunderstorm in the western half of the state with highs in the 80s.

Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations North Dakota, Week ending August 24, 2008

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