

NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK & WEATHER REPORT



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General: Precipitation across most of the state last week limited the already late harvest progress while the extreme west continued to experience dry conditions, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. If drying conditions do not occur in the near future, the remaining crops will be harvested after the ground freezes. Some fall field work and anhydrous applications occurred where possible. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 17 short, 59 adequate and 18 surplus compared with the five-year (2003-2007) average of 12 percent very short, 27 short, 58 adequate and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 19 percent very short, 19 short, 47 adequate and 15 surplus compared with the average of 18 percent very short, 31 short, 48 adequate and 3 surplus. Statewide, on average, there were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crops: Wet conditions continued to hamper harvest progress last week. Corn harvest reached only 4 percent complete, over three weeks behind average. The soybean harvest was 77 percent complete by week's end compared with 89 percent last year and 93 percent on average. Dry edible bean harvest advanced to 90 percent complete, behind last year and the average. Potatoes dug reached 97 percent complete by week's end, near last year and average. Sugarbeets lifted made the most progress during the week, advancing 12 percentage points to 89 percent, compared with 97 percent both last year and the average. Sunflower harvest was 21 percent complete, behind last year and the average.

Livestock: As producers were nearly finished cutting corn silage, they remained busy by weaning calves and moving cattle to fall pastures. Corn cut for silage reached 98 percent complete, compared with 100 percent last year and 99 percent on average. Pasture and range conditions were rated 22 percent very poor, 26 poor, 25 fair, 21 good and 6 excellent compared with last year when conditions were rated 3 percent very poor, 17 poor, 36 fair, 41 good and 3 excellent. Stockwater supplies were rated 51 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 76 percent last year and 66 percent on average.

**Crop and Pasture Condition
North Dakota, Week Ending October 26, 2008**

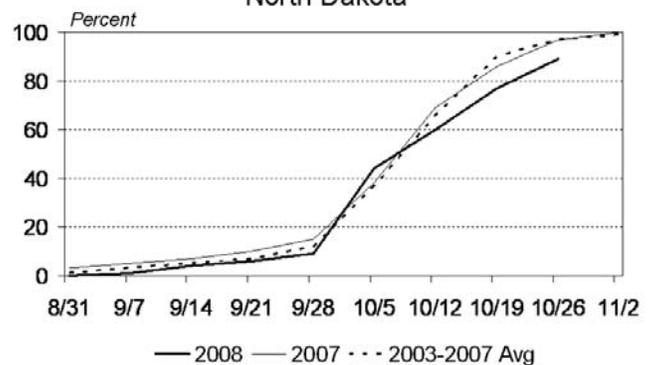
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	2	6	22	54	16
Sunflowers	2	5	25	54	14
Pasture and Range	22	26	25	21	6

**Crop Development Progress
North Dakota, Week Ending October 26, 2008^{1 2}**

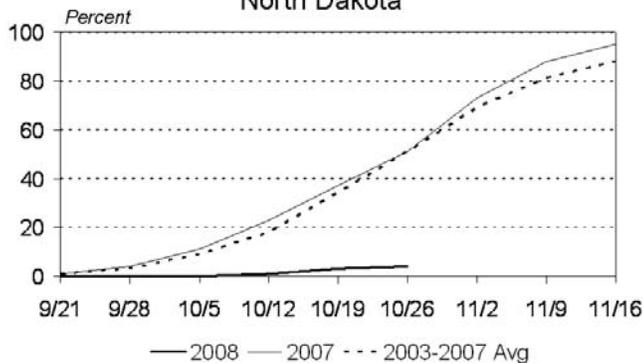
Crop	Week Ending			2003-2007 Avg
	Oct 26, 2008	Oct 19, 2008	Oct 26, 2007	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn				
Mature	94	89	100	93
Harvested for Grain	4	3	51	51
Corn for Silage				
Chopped	98	93	100	99
Dry Edible Beans				
Cut	94	93	99	98
Harvested	90	84	94	96
Potatoes				
Dug	97	93	97	98
Soybeans				
Harvested	77	70	89	93
Sugarbeets				
Lifted	89	77	97	97
Sunflowers				
Harvested	21	10	45	52

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

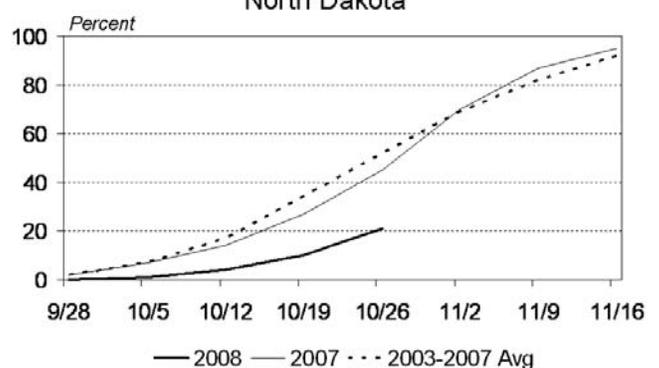
**Sugarbeets: Lifted
North Dakota**



**Corn for Grain: Harvested
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**Sunflowers: Harvested
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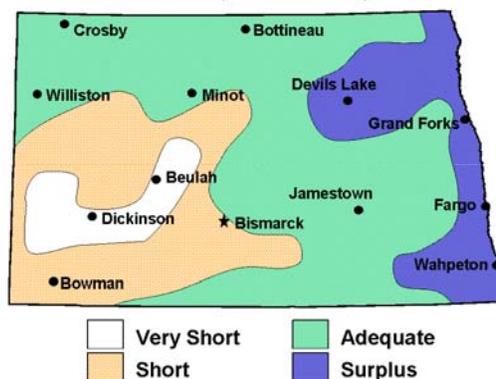
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**Soil Moisture Supplies
 North Dakota, Week Ending October 26, 2008**

Date	Week Ending			2003-2007 Avg
	Oct 26, 2008	Oct 19, 2008	Oct 26, 2007	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil				
Very Short	6	6	13	12
Short	17	17	31	27
Adequate	59	62	54	58
Surplus	18	15	2	3
Subsoil				
Very Short	19	20	14	18
Short	19	19	35	31
Adequate	47	48	50	48
Surplus	15	13	1	3

**Topsoil Moisture Supplies
 North Dakota, October 26, 2008**



Weather: This past week had near normal temperatures across the state. Precipitation was near to above normal across much of the state. Monday started of the week dry with highs in the mid-40s to 50s. Rain moved across the state on Tuesday with highs in the mid-40s to low 50s. There were some rain showers in the southeastern part of the state on Wednesday with highs in the 40s to low 50s statewide. Thursday was mainly dry with highs in the mid-40s to 50s. There were a few showers in the southeastern part of the state on Friday with highs in the mid-40s to 50s. Saturday was dry and warmer with highs in the 50s. Sunday was cold and windy with highs in the mid-30s to mid-40s with snow showers in the eastern part of the state.

Outlook, Oct. 27-Nov. 2: This week looks to be fairly dry with below normal temperatures for the beginning of the week. Above normal temperatures will move into the area by mid week and near normal temperatures can be expected by the weekend. Monday will be dry and colder than normal statewide with highs in the mid-30s to low 40s. Tuesday will be dry and warmer with highs ranging from the upper 40s in the east to mid-60s in the west. Wednesday and Thursday will be dry with highs in the mid-50s to 60s. Friday will be dry with highs in the 40s to low 50s. Highs on Saturday and Sunday will be in the 40s to 50s with dry conditions on Saturday and a chance of rain on Sunday.

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations
 North Dakota, Week ending October 26, 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	56	20	0.16	14.04	-0.37
Williston	57	27	0.18	9.24	-2.01
Mohall	58	18	0.25	14.54	-0.15
Minot	58	24	0.46	17.66	3.00
(2) Baker	54	27	0.77	18.81	4.19
Bottineau	57	18	0.50	14.74	-0.74
Rugby	55	21	0.41	15.52	0.27
(3) Cando	54	23	0.64	18.14	4.66
Cavalier	57	26	0.52	21.20	5.58
Forest River	59	29	0.23	15.89	0.87
Grand Forks	59	30	0.18	18.45	2.94
Langdon	53	25	0.33	16.69	1.15
St. Thomas	57	31	0.17	19.38	4.36
(4) Hazen	58	19	0.54	9.07	-4.93
Turtle Lake	57	21	0.75	13.16	-1.18
Watford City	56	26	0.12	9.15	-4.01
(5) Carrington	54	23	0.82	16.74	-0.09
Harvey	56	23	0.46	19.09	6.15
Jamestown	55	28	0.55	16.58	1.34
Robinson	55	26	0.94	14.47	0.10
Streeter	55	28	0.53	16.98	2.24
(6) Dazey	56	26	0.33	15.11	-1.69
Fargo	57	31	0.77	24.47	7.55
Hillsboro	60	28	0.29	20.95	3.72
(7) Beach	56	23	0.11	8.40	-4.21
Bowman	55	20	0.05	9.09	-3.64
Dickinson	57	20	0.10	8.33	-5.56
Hettinger	56	18	0.20	14.12	0.73
(8) Mandan	57	23	0.39	14.03	-0.62
Linton	57	28	0.57	13.61	-0.05
(9) Edgeley	59	31	0.37	15.36	-0.67
Oakes	60	30	0.89	19.36	3.19
Wyndmere	58	29	1.19	23.99	6.09

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations
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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(1)	39	0	0.26	13.87	0.12
N. Central(2)	38	0	0.56	16.36	1.24
Northeast(3)	41	2	0.35	18.29	3.26
W. Central(4)	39	-2	0.47	10.46	-3.37
Central(5)	40	0	0.66	16.77	1.95
E. Central(6)	43	2	0.46	20.18	3.19
Southwest(7)	38	-2	0.12	9.98	-3.17
S. Central(8)	41	0	0.48	13.82	-0.34
Southeast(9)	44	3	0.82	19.57	2.87

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