

# NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK & WEATHER REPORT



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**General:** A week of dry conditions and above normal temperatures allowed producers to harvest a third of the sunflower crop while nearing the end of the dry bean and soybean harvest, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. The corn harvest progress was slow due to the grain moisture content that remained high. Drier conditions last week allowed fall fieldwork and fertilizer application. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 8 percent very short, 17 short, 63 adequate and 12 surplus compared with the five-year (2003-2007) average of 11 percent very short, 29 short, 56 adequate and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 20 percent very short, 17 short, 52 adequate and 11 surplus compared with the average of 18 percent very short, 31 short, 48 adequate and 3 surplus. Statewide, on average, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

**Crops:** Dry conditions permitted good harvest progress for areas of the state that allowed producers into the fields. The sunflower harvest made the most progress reaching 54 percent complete, compared with 70 percent last year and 69 percent on average. Corn harvest reached only 11 percent complete, behind last year's 73 percent and 69 percent average. The soybean harvest was 88 percent complete by week's end compared with 97 percent last year and 96 percent on average. Dry edible bean harvest advanced to 96 percent complete, slightly behind last year and the average. Sugarbeets lifted advanced to 94 percent complete, compared with 100 percent last year and 99 percent average.

**Livestock:** Producers were busy hauling hay, weaning calves and moving cattle to fall pastures. Pasture and range conditions were rated 21 percent very poor, 27 poor, 28 fair, 19 good and 5 excellent. Pasture conditions are not available for the previous year. Stockwater supplies increased from the previous week and were rated 55 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 72 percent last year and 67 percent on average.

## Crop and Pasture Condition North Dakota, Week Ending November 2, 2008

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	3	6	21	56	14
Sunflowers	2	6	29	52	11
Pasture and Range	21	27	28	19	5

## Crop Development Progress North Dakota, Week Ending November 2, 2008<sup>1 2</sup>

Crop	Week Ending			2003-2007 Avg
	Nov 2, 2008	Oct 26, 2008	Nov 2, 2007	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
<b>Corn</b>				
Harvested for Grain	11	4	73	69
<b>Dry Edible Beans</b>				
Harvested	96	90	98	97
<b>Soybeans</b>				
Harvested	88	77	97	96
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Lifted	94	89	100	99
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	54	21	70	69

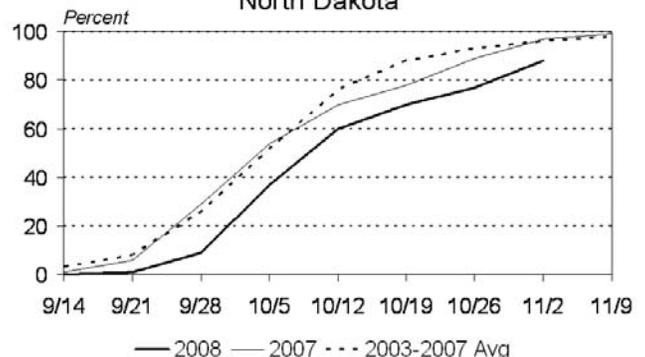
<sup>1</sup> Crop development percents represent all acreage in or beyond each stage.  
<sup>2</sup> Progress is based on current intended acreage. NA = Not Available

## Crops Harvested: Percent Completed, by District North Dakota, Week Ending November 2, 2008

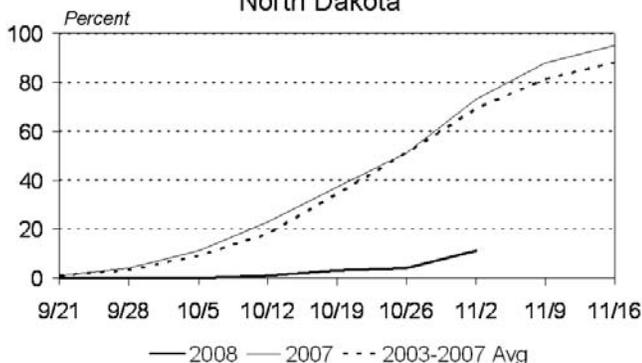
Crop	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
	--- Percent ---								
Corn for Grain	7	5	3	51	4	8	71	34	12
Dry Edible Beans	100	87	95	100	99	98	NA	NA	100
Soybeans	100	92	89	NA	98	79	NA	91	95
Sunflower	64	58	50	NA	55	33	NA	35	55

NA = Not Available

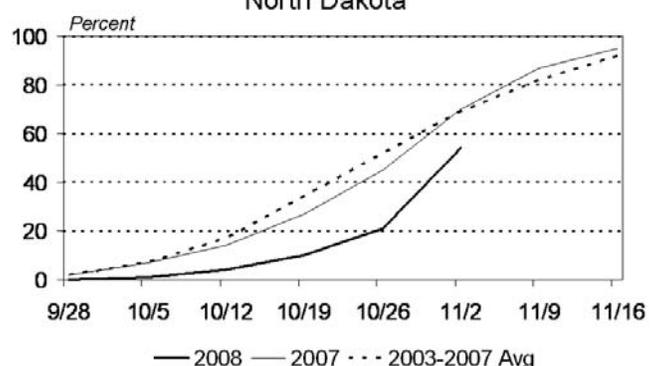
### Soybeans: Harvested North Dakota



### Corn for Grain: Harvested North Dakota



### Sunflowers: Harvested North Dakota



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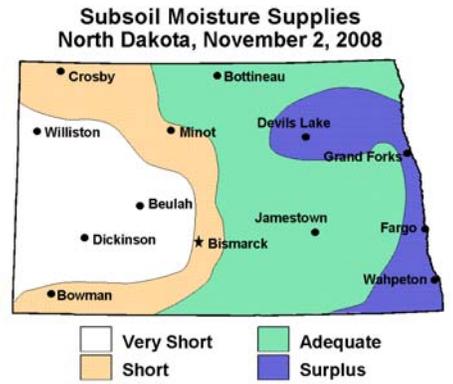
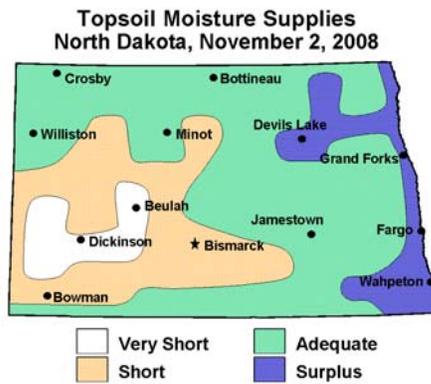
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**Soil Moisture Supplies  
 North Dakota, Week Ending November 2, 2008**

Date	Week Ending			2003-2007 Avg
	Nov 2, 2008	Oct 26, 2008	Nov 2, 2007	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	8	6	13	11
Short	17	17	36	29
Adequate	63	59	50	56
Surplus	12	18	1	4
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	20	19	14	18
Short	17	19	38	31
Adequate	52	47	47	48
Surplus	11	15	1	3



**Weather:** This past week was dry with above normal temperatures statewide. Monday started off dry and cooler than normal with highs in the mid-30s to mid-40s. Tuesday was dry and warmer with highs in the mid-50s to mid-60s. Highs on Wednesday were in the upper 50s in the east to the upper 70s in the west with dry conditions. Dry conditions continued on Thursday with highs in the mid-60s to low 70s. Friday and Saturday were dry with highs in the 50s and 60s. Highs on Sunday were in the upper 50s to low 70s with dry conditions.

**Outlook, November 3-9:** A major storm could potentially affect the state by midweek with rain and snow. The week will start with above normal temperatures and end with near to below normal temperatures. Monday will be warm with highs in the upper 50s in the west to the upper 60s in the east. There is a chance of showers in the western and central parts of the state with dry conditions to the east. Highs on Tuesday will mainly be in the 50s with a chance of rain statewide. The chance of rain will continue on Wednesday and possibly mix with snow in the west. Highs will range from the mid-30s in the northwest to the lower 50s in the southeast. There will be a chance snow in the western part of the state Thursday with a chance of rain or snow in the east. Highs will range from the mid-30s to mid-40s. Highs on Friday should mainly be in the 30s with a chance of snow showers in the eastern half of the state. Saturday and Sunday will be dry statewide with highs in the 30s to low 40s.

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations  
 North Dakota, Week ending November 2, 2008**

District Averages	Average Temperature		Seasonal Precipitation Beginning April 1 <sup>1</sup>		
	Past Week	Depart Normal <sup>2</sup>	Past Week	Total	Depart Normal <sup>2</sup>
	(Degrees F)	(Degrees F)	(Inches)	(Inches)	(Inches)
Northwest(1)	43	8	0.00	13.87	-0.07
N. Central(2)	42	8	0.00	16.36	1.01
Northeast (3)	45	10	0.00	18.29	3.00
W. Central(4)	44	7	0.00	10.46	-3.59
Central (5)	44	7	0.00	16.77	1.70
E. Central(6)	46	10	0.00	20.18	2.87
Southwest(7)	44	7	0.00	9.98	-3.38
S. Central(8)	44	7	0.00	13.82	-0.57
Southeast(9)	46	9	0.00	19.57	2.57

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations  
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Stations by District	Temperature Past Week		Seasonal Precipitation Beginning April 1 <sup>1</sup>		
	High	Low	Past Week	Total	Depart Normal <sup>2</sup>
	(Degrees F)	(Degrees F)	(Inches)	(Inches)	(Inches)
(1) Bowbells	73	12	0.00	14.04	-0.51
Williston	67	17	0.00	9.24	-2.18
Mohall	74	16	0.00	14.54	-0.38
Minot	72	17	0.00	17.66	2.77
(2) Baker	68	17	0.00	18.81	3.91
Bottineau	73	14	0.00	14.74	-0.95
Rugby	69	15	0.00	15.52	0.06
(3) Cando	67	18	0.00	18.14	4.43
Cavalier	68	22	0.00	21.20	5.32
Forest River	71	23	0.00	15.89	0.59
Grand Forks	72	25	0.00	18.45	2.66
Langdon	64	20	0.00	16.69	0.92
St. Thomas	70	24	0.00	19.38	4.08
(4) Hazen	76	16	0.00	9.07	-5.15
Turtle Lake	72	15	0.00	13.16	-1.41
Watford City	71	16	0.00	9.15	-4.22
(5) Carrington	69	20	0.00	16.74	-0.41
Harvey	70	17	0.00	19.09	5.90
Jamestown	71	20	0.00	16.58	1.10
Robinson	69	16	0.00	14.47	-0.11
Streeter	70	18	0.00	16.98	2.03
(6) Dazey	72	22	0.00	15.11	-1.98
Fargo	67	26	0.00	24.47	7.20
Hillsboro	71	21	0.00	20.95	3.39
(7) Beach	73	16	0.00	8.40	-4.42
Bowman	75	13	0.00	9.09	-3.85
Dickinson	77	14	0.00	8.33	-5.77
Hettinger	74	13	0.00	14.12	0.52
(8) Mandan	71	17	0.00	14.03	-0.85
Linton	72	17	0.00	13.61	-0.28
(9) Edgeley	73	22	0.00	15.36	-0.93
Oakes	69	22	0.00	19.36	2.90
Wyndmere	71	23	0.00	23.99	5.74

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