

# NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK & WEATHER REPORT



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**General:** Row crop harvest progress was made early in the week but was halted by rain and snow, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Due to the heavy amounts of rain and snow received last week, some producers do not expect to get back into the field to harvest until spring, according to reporters. High moisture content in corn remains a concern for producers. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 11 short, 62 adequate and 21 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 12 percent very short, 19 short, 53 adequate and 16 surplus compared with the average of 17 percent very short, 32 short, 48 adequate and 3 surplus. Statewide, on average, there were 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

**Crops:** Corn harvest advanced 12 percentage points to 23 percent complete, behind last year's 88 percent and 81 percent average. The soybean harvest reached 92 percent complete, compared with 99 percent last year and 98 percent on average. The sunflower harvest progressed to 75 percent complete, compared with 87 percent last year and 82 percent on average. Sugarbeets lifted neared completion at 96 percent complete by week's end.

**Livestock:** Producers began supplemental feeding and moving cattle off pastures to winter headquarters last week. Pasture and range conditions were rated 21 percent very poor, 23 poor, 28 fair, 21 good and 7 excellent. Pasture conditions are not available for the previous year. Stockwater supplies increased from the previous week and were rated 60 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 76 percent last year and 69 percent on average.

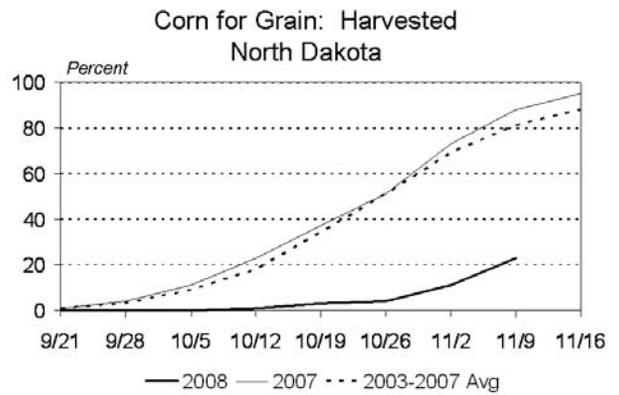
**Crop and Pasture Condition  
North Dakota, Week Ending November 9, 2008**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	2	7	24	55	12
Pasture and Range	21	23	28	21	7

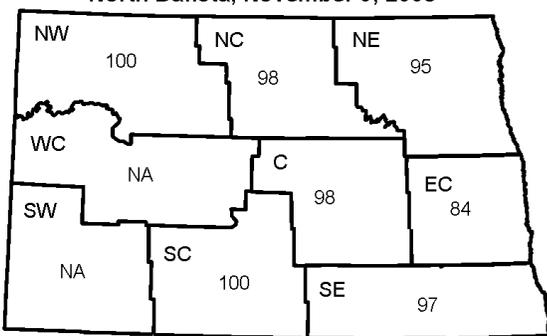
**Crop Development Progress  
North Dakota, Week Ending November 9, 2008<sup>1 2</sup>**

Crop	Week Ending			2003-2007 Avg
	Nov 9, 2008	Nov 2, 2008	Nov 9, 2007	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
<b>Corn</b>				
Harvested for Grain	23	11	88	81
<b>Soybeans</b>				
Harvested	92	88	99	98
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Lifted	96	94	100	100
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	75	54	87	82

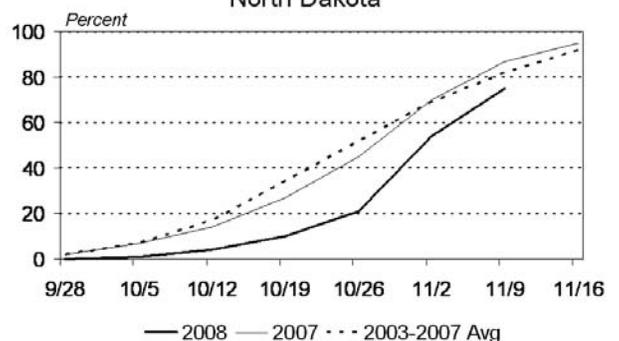
<sup>1</sup> Crop development percents represent all acreage in or beyond each stage.  
<sup>2</sup> Progress is based on current intended acreage. NA = Not Available



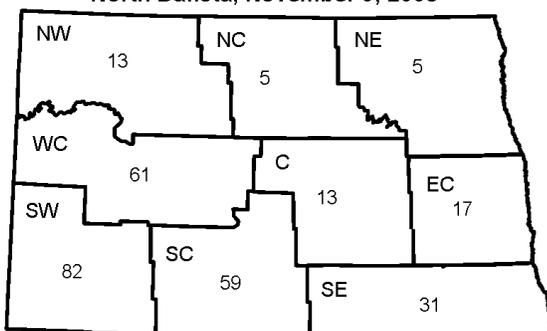
**Soybeans: Percent Harvested  
North Dakota, November 9, 2008**



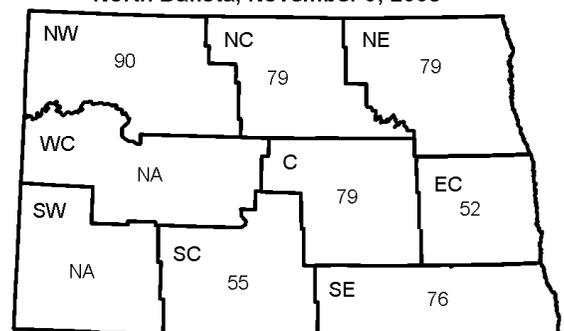
**Sunflowers: Harvested  
North Dakota**



**Corn for Grain: Percent Harvested  
North Dakota, November 9, 2008**



**Sunflower: Percent Harvested  
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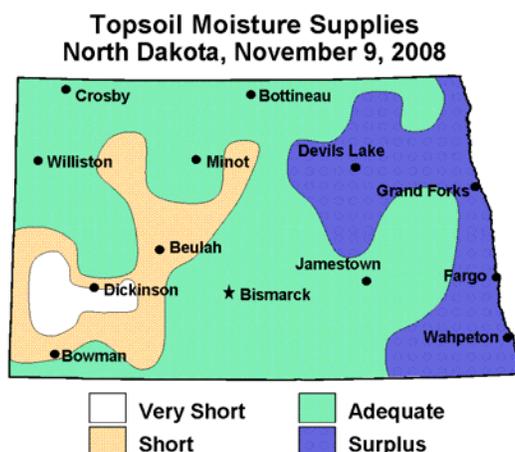
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**NORTH DAKOTA CROP WEATHER REPORT, Week Ending November 9, 2008**

**Soil Moisture Supplies  
 North Dakota, Week Ending November 9, 2008**

Date	Week Ending			2003-2007 Avg
	Nov 9, 2008	Nov 2, 2008	Nov 9, 2007	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	6	8	14	11
Short	11	17	37	29
Adequate	62	63	49	56
Surplus	21	12	0	4
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	12	20	14	17
Short	19	17	40	32
Adequate	53	52	45	48
Surplus	16	11	1	3



**Weather:** This past week was very wet. Temperatures were above normal in the east and central, and near normal in the western parts of the state. Monday started off with highs mainly in the 60s statewide with a few showers in the west. Highs on Tuesday were in the mid-50s to low 60s with rain across the northern half of the state and a few thunderstorms in the east. Highs on Wednesday ranged from the low 40s in the northwest to the low 60s in the southeast. There was widespread precipitation with some thunderstorms Wednesday in the east and rain changing to snow in the west. Rain continued in the east on Thursday with snow in the central part of the state. Highs ranged from the upper 20s in the southwest to the low 50s in the southeast. Friday was cooler statewide with highs in the mid-20s to mid-30s with rain and snow showers in the east and snow showers in the central part of the state. Saturday was mainly dry with highs in the 20s to low 30s. Highs on Sunday ranged from the mid-teens to the low 30s.

**Outlook, November 10-16:** This week will have near to below normal temperatures statewide with precipitation possible by mid to late week. Monday will be dry with highs in the 20s to low 30s. Highs on Tuesday will be in the mid-20s to mid-30s with a chance of rain or snow showers. There will be a chance of showers in the west on Wednesday with highs in the mid-30s to mid-40s. On Thursday there will be a chance of rain or snow in the eastern half of the state with highs in the 30s to mid-40s. Highs on Friday will be in the 30s with a few snow showers in the far eastern part of the state. Saturday and Sunday will be dry with highs in the 30s.

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations  
 North Dakota, Week ending November 9, 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)	33	2	Not Available		
N. Central (2)	35	6			
Northeast (3)	40	10			
W. Central (4)	35	3			
Central (5)	38	7			
E. Central (6)	43	12			
Southwest (7)	32	0			
S. Central (8)	35	3			
Southeast (9)	43	10			

**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	59	6	Not Available		
Williston	60	16			
Mohall	60	3			
Minot	61	0			
(2) Baker	62	13			
Bottineau	63	5			
Rugby	63	7			
(3) Cando	64	7			
Cavalier	64	17			
Forest River	68	20			
Grand Forks	67	20			
Langdon	63	15			
St. Thomas	66	20			
(4) Hazen	63	4	Not Available		
Turtle Lake	61	9			
Watford City	59	18			
(5) Carrington	65	14			
Harvey	64	13			
Jamestown	65	15			
Robinson	64	13			
Streeter	64	12			
(6) Dazey	67	18			
Fargo	68	20			
Hillsboro	67	20			
(7) Beach	57	11	Not Available		
Bowman	58	6			
Dickinson	60	7			
Hettinger	64	0			
(8) Mandan	63	5			
Linton	64	10			
(9) Edgeley	67	15			
Oakes	67	19			
Wyndmere	70	21			

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