

# NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK & WEATHER REPORT



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**General:** Wet conditions continued to hinder harvest last week as many producers wait for the ground to freeze before getting back into the fields, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Corn producers remained concerned about high moisture content in unharvested corn, according to reporters. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 11 short, 64 adequate and 18 surplus compared with 15 percent very short, 38 short, 46 adequate and 1 surplus last year. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 12 percent very short, 20 short, 53 adequate and 15 surplus compared with 15 percent very short, 41 short, 43 adequate and 1 surplus last year. Statewide, on average, there were 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

**Crops:** Corn for grain harvest advanced to 33 percent complete, compared with 95 percent last year and the five-year (2003-2007) average of 88 percent. The soybean harvest neared completion at 94 percent. Sugarbeets lifted reached completion. The sunflower harvest progressed to 83 percent complete, compared with 95 percent last year and 92 percent on average.

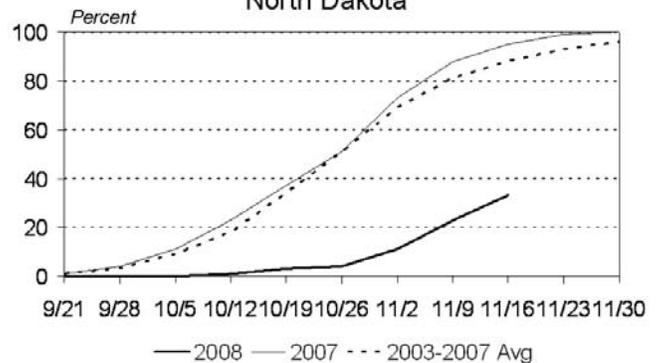
**Livestock:** Producers main activities were moving cattle off pastures and selling calves. Stockwater supplies were rated 59 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 72 percent last year.

**Crop Development Progress  
North Dakota, Week Ending November 16, 2008<sup>1,2</sup>**

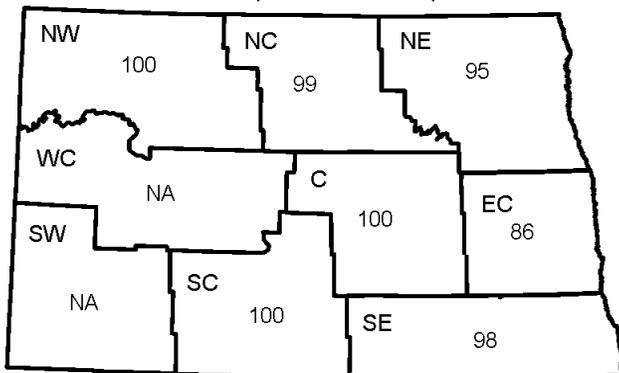
Crop	Week Ending			2003-2007 Avg
	Nov 16, 2008	Nov 9, 2008	Nov 16, 2007	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
<b>Corn</b>				
Harvested for Grain	33	23	95	88
<b>Soybeans</b>				
Harvested	94	92	100	99
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	83	75	95	92

<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

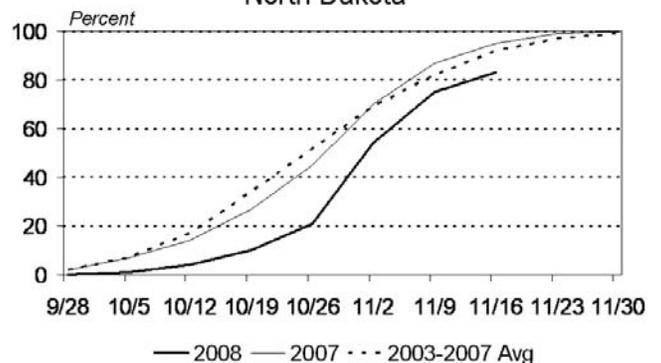
**Corn for Grain: Harvested  
North Dakota**



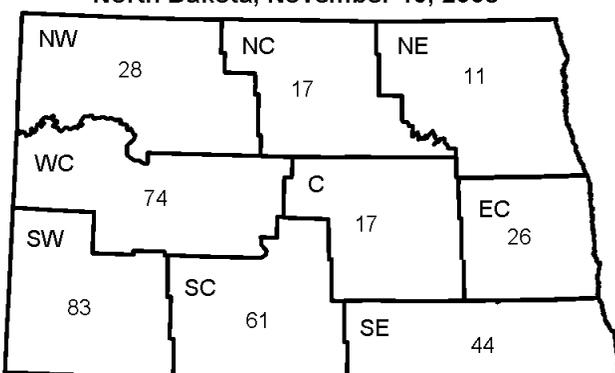
**Soybeans: Percent Harvested  
North Dakota, November 16, 2008**



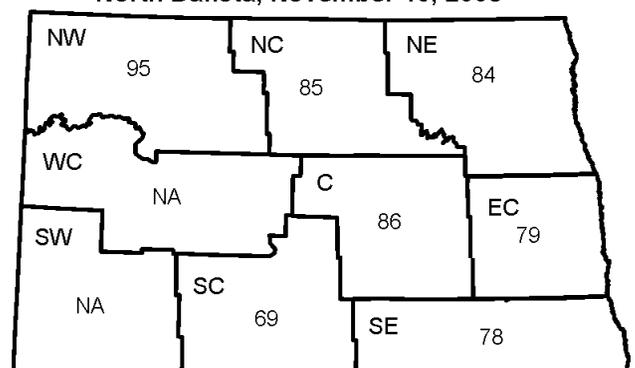
**Sunflowers: Harvested  
North Dakota**



**Corn for Grain: Percent Harvested  
North Dakota, November 16, 2008**



**Sunflower: Percent Harvested  
North Dakota, November 16, 2008**



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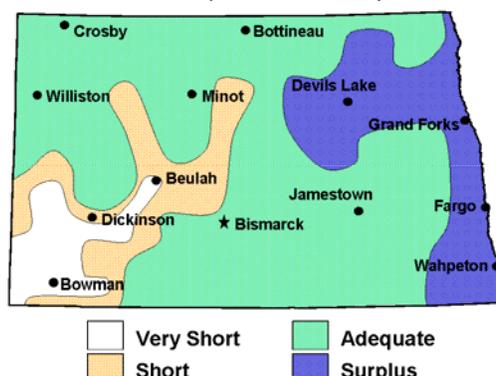
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**NORTH DAKOTA CROP WEATHER REPORT, Week Ending November 16, 2008**

**Soil Moisture Supplies  
 North Dakota, Week Ending November 16, 2008**

Date	Week Ending		
	Nov 16, 2008	Nov 9, 2008	Nov 16, 2007
	Percent	Percent	Percent
<b>Topsoil</b>			
Very Short	7	6	15
Short	11	11	38
Adequate	64	62	46
Surplus	18	21	1
<b>Subsoil</b>			
Very Short	12	12	15
Short	20	19	41
Adequate	53	53	43
Surplus	15	16	1

**Topsoil Moisture Supplies  
 North Dakota, November 16, 2008**



**Weather:** This past week saw near to above normal temperatures. Highs on Monday ranged from the upper teens to lower 30s with dry conditions. On Tuesday, there were some scattered rain/snow showers mainly in the south and east with highs in the 30s to mid-40s. Highs on Wednesday reached the 30s to low 40s with some rain showers across the state. Thursday was warmer with highs ranging from the upper 30s in the north central part of the state to the lower 50s in the west. There were also a few scattered rain showers on Thursday. Highs were in the 30s across most of the state on Friday with a few snow showers mainly in the east. Saturday and Sunday were dry with highs in the 30s to low 40s.

**Outlook, November 17-23:** This week looks to have near to above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation statewide. There will be a few scattered snow showers in the east on Monday with highs in the mid-20s to mid-30s. Tuesday will be dry and warmer with highs in the 30s in the east to the 50s in the west. Highs on Wednesday will be in the 30s to low 40s with dry conditions. Thursday will be dry with highs in the mid-20s to 30s. There will be a chance of snow showers in the east Friday and Saturday with highs in the 30s to low 40s. Sunday will be dry with highs mostly in the 30s.

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations  
 North Dakota, Week ending November 16, 2008**

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	46	8			
Williston	46	15			
Mohall	46	9			
Minot	46	9			
(2) Baker	35	12			
Bottineau	37	11			
Rugby	36	11			
(3) Cando	35	5			
Cavalier	39	14			
Forest River	38	16			
Grand Forks	39	16			
Langdon	35	13			
St. Thomas	38	18			
(4) Hazen	47	8			
Turtle Lake	44	10			
Watford City	47	10			
(5) Carrington	37	14			NOT AVAILABLE
Harvey	37	13			
Jamestown	44	14			
Robinson	43	13			
Streeter	47	13			
(6) Dazey	37	16			
Fargo	41	18			
Hillsboro	39	17			
(7) Beach	48	17			
Bowman	48	15			
Dickinson	49	10			
Hettinger	47	11			
(8) Mandan	46	9			
Linton	47	12			
(9) Edgeley	47	14			
Oakes	50	19			
Wyndmere	46	20			

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations  
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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)	28	2			
N. Central(2)	23	-1			
Northeast(3)	25	0			
W. Central(4)	27	0			
Central(5)	27	0	NOT AVAILABLE		
E. Central(6)	28	1			
Southwest(7)	30	1			
S. Central(8)	28	0			
Southeast(9)	32	4			

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