

NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK & WEATHER REPORT



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General: Frozen ground allowed harvest to progress in some areas last week, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Moisture content in corn remained a concern for producers as elevators were busy drying corn, according to reporters. Topsoil moisture supplies were unchanged from the previous week and were rated 7 percent very short, 11 short, 64 adequate and 18 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 13 percent very short, 20 short, 52 adequate and 15 surplus. Statewide, on average, there were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crops: Corn for grain harvest advanced 20 percentage points to 53 percent complete, compared with 99 percent last year and the five-year (2003-2007) average of 93 percent. The soybean harvest was virtually complete by week's end. The sunflower harvest reached 89 percent complete, compared with 99 percent last year and 97 percent on average.

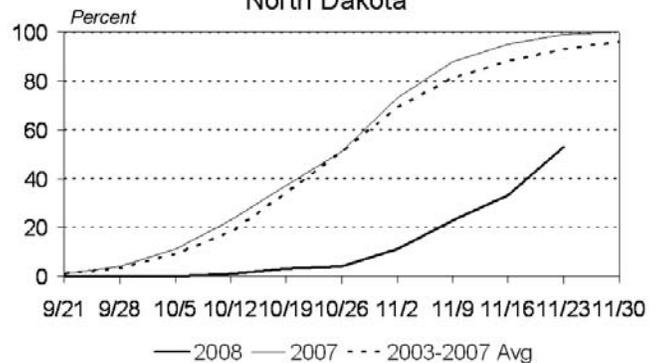
Livestock: Main activities last week included moving cattle off pastures and selling calves. Stockwater supplies decreased slightly from the previous week and were rated 58 percent adequate to surplus.

**Crop Development Progress
North Dakota, Week Ending November 23, 2008^{1,2}**

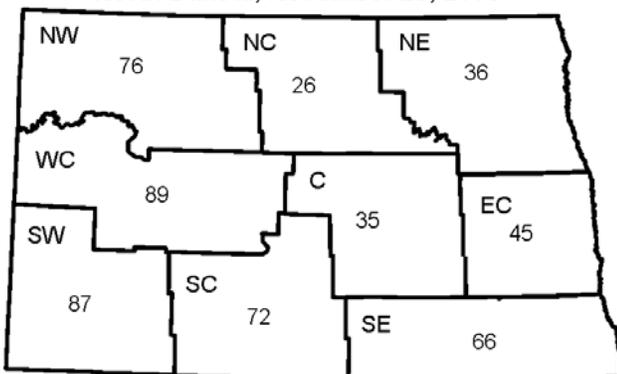
Crop	Week Ending			2003-2007 Avg
	Nov 23, 2008	Nov 16, 2008	Nov 23, 2007	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn				
Harvested for Grain	53	33	99	93
Soybeans				
Harvested	98	94	100	100
Sunflowers				
Harvested	89	83	99	97

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

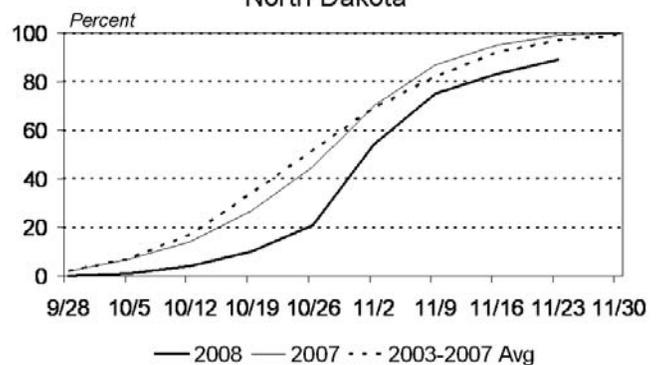
**Corn for Grain: Harvested
North Dakota**



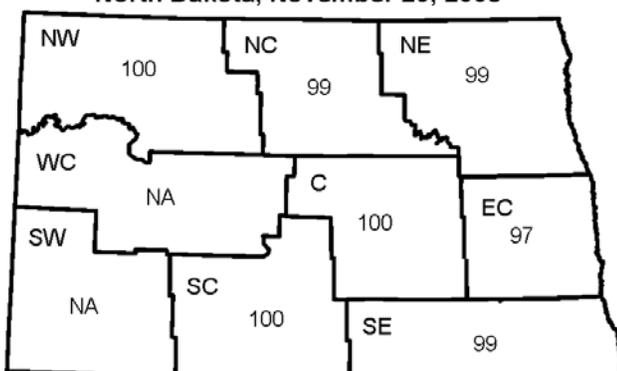
**Corn for Grain: Percent Harvested
North Dakota, November 23, 2008**



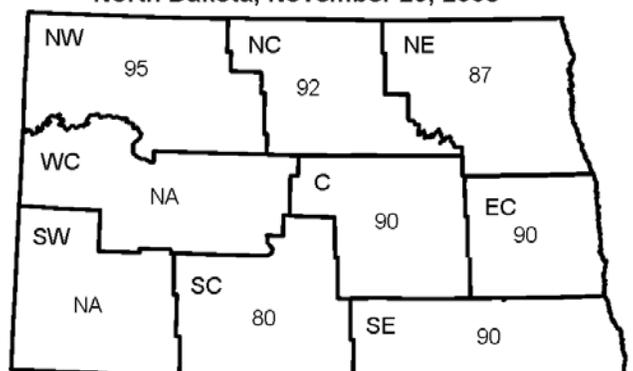
**Sunflowers: Harvested
North Dakota**



**Soybeans: Percent Harvested
North Dakota, November 23, 2008**



**Sunflower: Percent Harvested
North Dakota, November 23, 2008**



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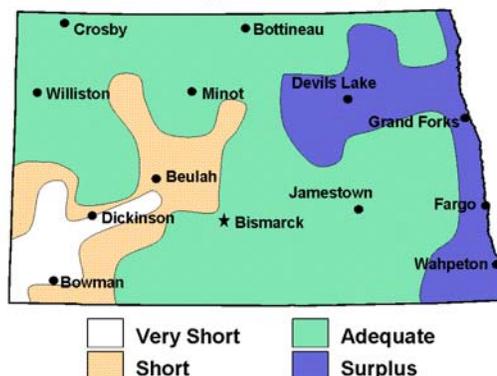
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**Soil Moisture Supplies
 North Dakota, Week Ending November 23, 2008**

Date	Week Ending	
	Nov 23, 2008	Nov 16, 2008
	Percent	Percent
Topsoil		
Very Short	7	7
Short	11	11
Adequate	64	64
Surplus	18	18
Subsoil		
Very Short	13	12
Short	20	20
Adequate	52	53
Surplus	15	15

**Topsoil Moisture Supplies
 North Dakota, November 23, 2008**



Weather: This past week was drier than normal across much of the state with near normal precipitation in the far southern and southwest part of the state. Temperatures were near to below normal in the eastern half of the state with above normal temperatures in the west. Monday was dry with highs in the mid-20s to mid-30s. Tuesday was mostly dry with highs ranging from the low 30s in the east to low 60s in the west. Highs on Wednesday were in the 30s with mostly dry conditions across the state. Thursday was dry with highs in the mid-teens to mid-20s. Highs on Friday were mostly in the 20s with some snow showers in the far southern and southwestern parts of the state. Saturday was dry with highs in the upper 20s to low 40s. Dry conditions continued on Sunday with highs in the mid-30s to mid-40s.

Outlook, November 24-30: This week looks to have near to above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation statewide. Monday will start out the week with highs ranging from the mid-20s in the east to the mid-40s in the west. There will be a chance for a few snow showers in the far eastern part of the state. Highs on Tuesday and Wednesday will be in the 30s and 40s with dry conditions. Thursday will be dry with highs mostly in the 30s. There will be a chance of snow in the eastern part of the state on Friday with highs in the mid-20s to mid-30s. Saturday and Sunday will be dry with highs in the upper 20s to 30s.

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations
 North Dakota, Week ending November 23, 2008**

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)	28	5	NOT AVAILABLE		
N. Central(2)	15	-4			
Northeast(3)	19	-2			
W. Central(4)	30	5			
Central(5)	19	-3			
E. Central(6)	21	0			
Southwest(7)	38	12			
S. Central(8)	27	2			
Southeast(9)	22	-1			

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations
 North Dakota, Week ending November 23, 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	57	4	NOT AVAILABLE		
Williston	54	13			
Mohall	46	1			
Minot	46	3			
(2) Baker	36	-4			
Bottineau	40	-5			
Rugby	38	-10			
(3) Cando	36	-4			
Cavalier	39	-5			
Forest River	41	3			
Grand Forks	44	5			
Langdon	34	-1			
St. Thomas	40	1			
(4) Hazen	53	10			
Turtle Lake	40	4			
Watford City	60	14			
(5) Carrington	38	-3			
Harvey	41	-5			
Jamestown	40	-2			
Robinson	42	2			
Streeter	42	3			
(6) Dazey	43	-2			
Fargo	41	5			
Hillsboro	42	2			
(7) Beach	65	13			
Bowman	62	14			
Dickinson	61	15			
Hettinger	59	16			
(8) Mandan	50	7			
Linton	45	7			
(9) Edgeley	45	3			
Oakes	40	3			
Wyndmere	39	4			

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