

NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK & WEATHER REPORT



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General: Corn and sunflower harvest continued in some areas of the state 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 continued handling wet corn. Some producers do not plan to harvest corn until spring, according to reporters. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 9 short, 67 adequate and 17 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 11 percent very short, 20 short, 55 adequate and 14 surplus. Statewide, on average, there were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crops: Corn for grain harvest, at 70 percent complete, progressed behind the five-year (2003-2007) average of 96 percent. The sunflower harvest neared completion at 96 percent, compared with 100 percent last year and 98 percent on average.

Livestock: Main activities last week included grazing cattle on corn stalks and moving hay. Stockwater supplies increased slightly from the previous week and were rated 60 percent adequate to surplus.

This is the last weekly Crop, Livestock and Weather report for the 2008 season. The monthly reports will be January 5, February 2, March 2 and March 30. The weekly report will resume in April, 2009.

These reports are made possible by the dedicated efforts of the North Dakota County Extension Agents, Farm Service Agency County Directors, NDSU Department of Soil Science (NDAWN) and UND Aerospace Regional Weather Information Center. We extend our thanks to these people who have provided the information which has allowed you to have an accurate picture of North Dakota agriculture.

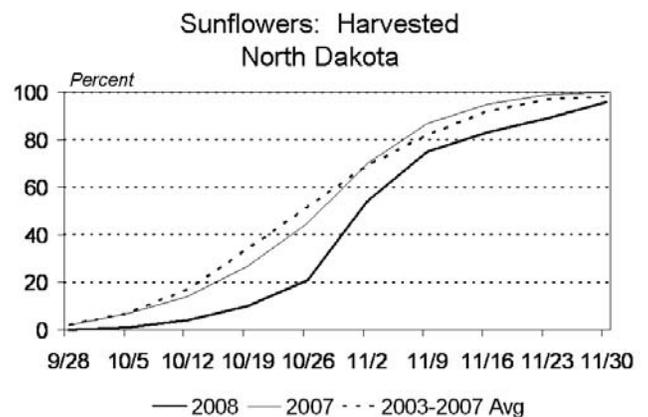
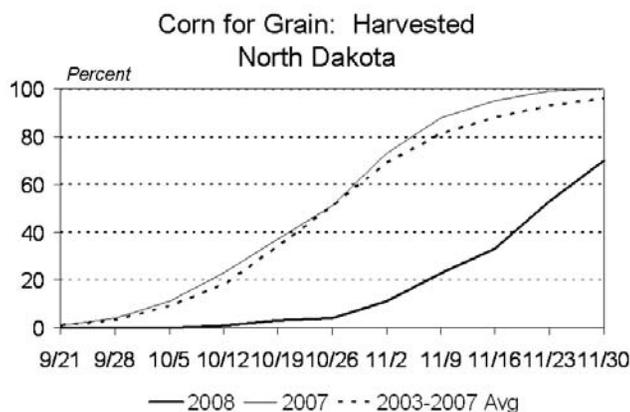
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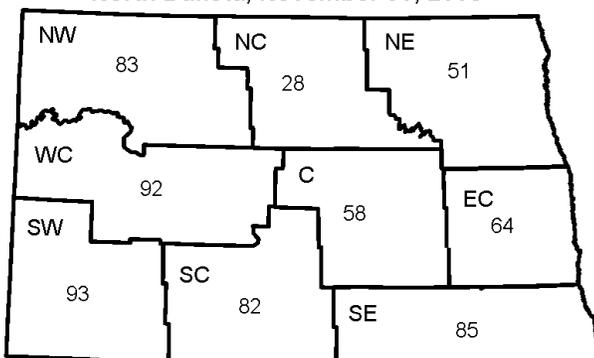
**Crop Development Progress
North Dakota, Week Ending November 30, 2008¹**

Crop	Week Ending			2003-2007 Avg
	Nov 30, 2008	Nov 23, 2008	Nov 30, 2007	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn				
Harvested for Grain	70	53	100	96
Sunflowers				
Harvested	96	89	100	98

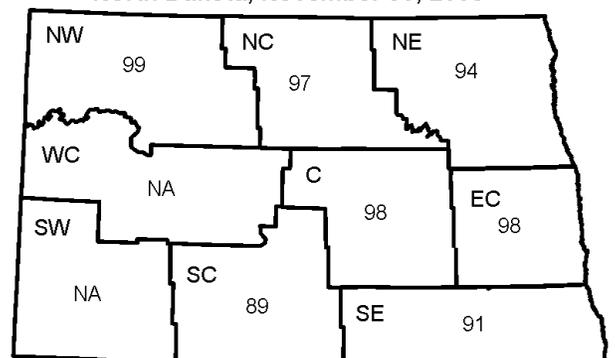
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Corn for Grain: Percent Harvested North Dakota, November 30, 2008



Sunflower: Percent Harvested North Dakota, November 30, 2008



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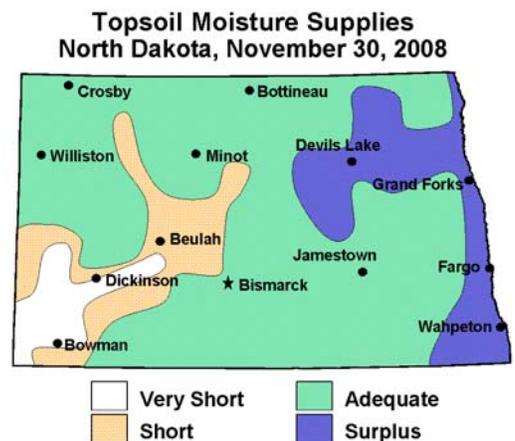
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**Soil Moisture Supplies
 North Dakota, Week Ending November 30, 2008**

Date	Week Ending	
	Nov 30, 2008	Nov 23, 2008
	Percent	Percent
Topsoil		
Very Short	7	7
Short	9	11
Adequate	67	64
Surplus	17	18
Subsoil		
Very Short	11	13
Short	20	20
Adequate	55	52
Surplus	14	15



Weather: This past week was mostly dry with above normal temperatures statewide. Monday was dry with highs in the 30s to low 40s. Tuesday and Wednesday were warmer with highs in the mid-30s to 40s with dry conditions. Highs on Thursday were in the upper 30s to low 40s with only scattered light snow showers in the east. Friday was dry with highs in the 30s to low 40s. There were scattered snow showers across the state on Saturday and Sunday with highs mostly in the 20s and 30s.

Outlook, December 1-7: Temperatures will be near to below normal this week with near to above normal precipitation expected. Precipitation will come mostly in the form of light snow with multiple weak systems expected to move through the state the next several days. Monday will start out with highs in the 20s to 30s with a chance of light rain or snow in the northeastern part of the state late in the day. There will be a chance of rain or snow in the west and a chance of snow in the east on Tuesday. Highs will be in the 20s to mid-30s. Highs on Wednesday will be in the 10s to low 20s with a chance of light snow in the west. Thursday will be dry with highs mainly in the 10s. There will be a chance of snow in the east on Friday with highs in the mid-10s to 20s. Highs on Saturday and Sunday will be in the upper 10s to 20s. Saturday will be dry and there will be a chance of snow in the east on Sunday.

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations
 North Dakota, Week ending November 30, 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	46	8			
Williston	47	18			
Mohall	48	9			
Minot	45	16			
(2) Baker	35	12			
Bottineau	44	10			
Rugby	35	6			
(3) Cando	35	8			
Cavalier	38	14			
Forest River	40	15			
Grand Forks	40	16			
Langdon	34	11			
St. Thomas	37	15			
(4) Hazen	46	12			
Turtle Lake	40	13			
Watford City	48	16			
(5) Carrington	40	13			NOT AVAILABLE
Harvey	40	11			
Jamestown	46	13			
Robinson	43	11			
Streeter	44	15			
(6) Dazey	42	14			
Fargo	40	16			
Hillsboro	40	14			
(7) Beach	45	17			
Bowman	48	17			
Dickinson	45	17			
Hettinger	47	16			
(8) Mandan	44	15			
Linton	44	18			
(9) Edgeley	46	15			
Oakes	43	15			
Wyndmere	44	15			

**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)	29	10			
N. Central (2)	23	6			
Northeast (3)	25	7			
W. Central (4)	29	7			
Central (5)	27	7	NOT AVAILABLE		
E. Central (6)	27	8			
Southwest (7)	31	8			
S. Central (8)	30	8			
Southeast (9)	29	8			

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