

# NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK & WEATHER REPORT



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**General:** Dry weather allowed for producers to make good progress planting crops, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Good planting weather across the state for most of the week allowed for longer hours in the field, although planting progress remained behind the average. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 3 short, 71 adequate and 25 surplus, compared with the five-year (2004-2008) average of 5 percent very short, 18 short, 70 adequate and 7 surplus. Statewide, on average, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. This release is for the week ended Sunday, May 24.

**Crops:** Reporters commented that producers took advantage of the dry weather to get their crops planted. Spring wheat was 69 percent seeded and 29 percent emerged, over two weeks behind the average, but improved from the previous week. Durum wheat was 69 percent seeded compared with 77 percent average. Barley was 66 percent planted compared with 93 percent average. Oat plantings were 77 percent complete, compared with 94 percent average. All small grains planted were at least 25 percent emerged; however, at this time last year all small grains planted were over 50 percent emerged.

Sugarbeets showed the most planting progress this past week advancing 50 percentage points to 89 percent complete. Corn was 61 percent planted compared with 89 percent average. Soybeans were 27 percent planted compared with 67 percent average. Sunflower planting was 15 percent complete, compared with 41 percent average. Potatoes were 39 percent planted compared with 78 percent average. Dry edible peas were 90 percent seeded and 37 percent emerged. Canola was 56 percent seeded and 17 percent emerged.

**Livestock:** Observers noted that more cattle were put out to pasture. Pasture and range conditions were 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 40 fair, 46 good and 3 excellent. Stockwater supplies were rated 1 percent short, 87 adequate and 12 surplus.

**Crop and Pasture Condition  
North Dakota, Week Ending May 24, 2009**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Oats	0	0	20	76	4
Pasture and Range	2	9	40	46	3

**Planting: Percent Completed by District  
North Dakota, Week Ending May 24, 2009<sup>1</sup>**

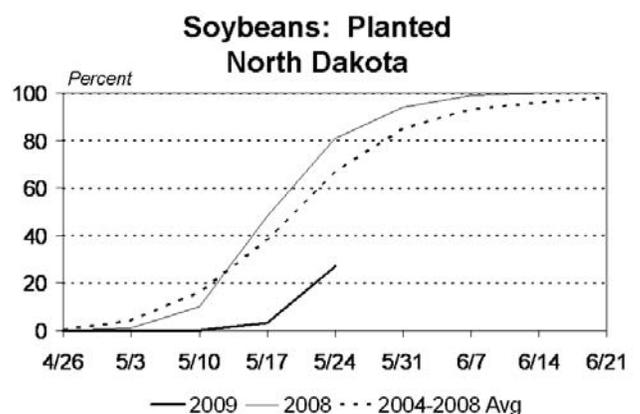
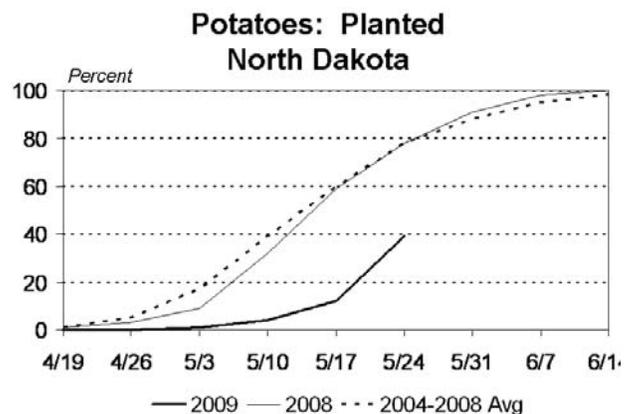
Crop	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
	--- Percent ---								
Barley	87	59	24	85	70	88	84	88	98
Durum Wheat	66	38	22	82	64	NA	80	84	NA
Spring Wheat	67	58	40	87	67	78	85	90	98
Oats	59	27	40	82	77	82	83	92	99
Canola	93	54	25	91	57	86	100	NA	NA
Corn	31	30	54	64	45	67	57	43	72
Dry Edible Peas	95	73	23	98	78	NA	98	93	NA
Flaxseed	41	12	7	71	42	NA	74	51	NA
Soybeans	4	20	18	NA	12	28	NA	NA	39

<sup>1</sup> Progress is based on current intended acreage. NA = Not Available.

**Crop Development Progress  
North Dakota, Week Ending May 24, 2009<sup>1 2</sup>**

Crop	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg
	May 24, 2009	May 17, 2009	May 24, 2008	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
<b>Barley</b>				
Planted	66	28	98	93
Emerged	25	4	68	70
<b>Durum Wheat</b>				
Planted	69	27	87	77
Emerged	29	3	58	51
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Planted	69	31	97	94
Emerged	29	5	73	74
<b>Oats</b>				
Planted	77	49	97	94
Emerged	37	9	72	74
<b>Canola</b>				
Planted	56	23	92	88
Emerged	17	3	44	52
<b>Corn, All</b>				
Planted	61	23	91	89
Emerged	10	0	38	49
<b>Dry Edible Beans</b>				
Planted	12	0	46	38
Emerged	0	NA	1	5
<b>Dry Edible Peas</b>				
Planted	90	61	100	NA
Emerged	37	5	84	NA
<b>Flaxseed</b>				
Planted	42	14	90	78
Emerged	12	1	44	40
<b>Potatoes</b>				
Planted	39	12	78	78
Emerged	2	1	11	19
<b>Soybeans</b>				
Planted	27	3	81	67
Emerged	0	0	14	15
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	89	39	100	99
Emerged	17	5	64	73
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Planted	15	1	50	41
Emerged	0	NA	3	6

<sup>1</sup> Crop development percents represent all acreage in or beyond each stage.  
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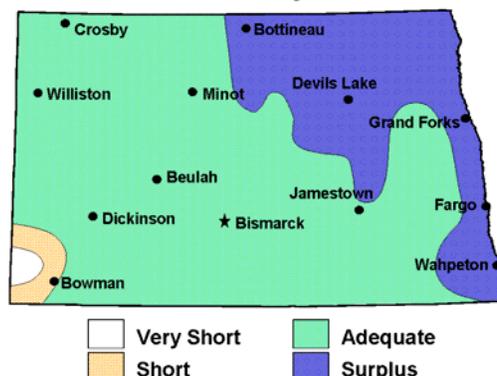
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**Soil Moisture Supplies  
 North Dakota, Week Ending May 24, 2009**

Date	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg
	May 24, 2009	May 17, 2009	May 24, 2008	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	1	0	14	5
Short	3	3	41	18
Adequate	71	71	45	70
Surplus	25	26	0	7
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	0	0	26	10
Short	4	4	41	24
Adequate	71	67	33	59
Surplus	25	29	0	7

**Topsoil Moisture Supplies  
 North Dakota, May 24, 2009**



**Weather:** Temperatures were near to above normal in the southern third of the state and below normal elsewhere this past week. Precipitation was below normal in most areas. Highs on Monday were in the mid-60s to mid-80s with dry conditions. Tuesday was dry with highs in the 60s and 70s. There were a few showers and thunderstorms in the east on Wednesday with highs in the mid-60s to mid-80s. Highs on Thursday were in the 60s to low 70s with scattered showers in the west. There were scattered showers across the state Friday with highs in the mid-60s to 70s. Saturday was dry with highs in the 60s to low 70s. Highs on Sunday were in the 60s to mid-70s with rain in the west.

**Outlook, May 25-31:** Temperatures will be near to below normal this upcoming week with above normal precipitation in the central and northeastern regions due to heavy rain on Monday. Precipitation will be below normal the rest of the week. Highs on Monday were in the mid-50s to 70s with rain in the central and eastern regions. Tuesday will be dry with highs in the upper 50s to 60s. Dry conditions will continue on Wednesday and Thursday with highs mainly in the 70s to low 80s. Highs on Friday will be in the mid-60s to low 80s with dry conditions. There will be a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the east on Saturday with highs in the mid-60s to 70s. A chance of showers and thunderstorms will continue in the east on Sunday with highs in the 60s to mid-70s.

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations  
 North Dakota, Week ending May 24, 2009**

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	68	29	0.00	1.45	-1.49
Williston	74	33	0.14	2.15	-0.35
Mohall	68	30	0.05	1.61	-1.27
Minot	71	33	0.22	1.91	-1.41
(2) Baker	69	32	0.01	2.72	-0.14
Bottineau	72	26	0.04	2.31	-0.52
Rugby	70	32	0.18	3.77	0.78
(3) Cando	69	29	0.02	1.97	-0.60
Cavalier	71	29	0.00	2.16	-0.58
Forest River	73	33	0.00	1.83	-1.01
Grand Forks	74	33	0.00	2.51	-0.25
Langdon	70	28	0.03	1.94	-0.80
St. Thomas	71	32	0.01	1.80	-1.04
(4) Hazen	74	35	1.70	3.04	-0.35
Turtle Lake	69	33	0.86	2.61	-0.49
Watford City	73	34	0.05	1.18	-1.75
(5) Carrington	70	32	0.09	2.31	-0.96
Harvey	70	33	0.21	1.54	-0.68
Jamestown	78	34	0.05	2.03	-1.03
Robinson	74	34	0.02	1.77	-1.34
Streeter	77	36	0.03	1.85	-0.88
(6) Dazey	74	34	0.00	1.66	-1.60
Fargo	82	37	0.05	2.02	-1.32
Hillsboro	75	32	0.00	1.44	-1.90
(7) Beach	77	37	0.32	2.32	-1.11
Bowman	81	38	0.04	2.39	-0.84
Dickinson	78	35	1.14	2.55	-0.94
Hettinger	84	38	0.38	1.98	-1.57
(8) Mandan	82	35	0.49	1.99	-1.39
Linton	85	38	0.04	2.09	-1.03
(9) Edgeley	85	37	0.03	2.26	-1.60
Oakes	85	39	0.01	1.92	-1.70
Wyndmere	82	40	0.00	2.43	-1.47

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations  
 North Dakota, Week ending May 24, 2009**

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)	50	-5	0.10	1.78	-1.13
N. Central(2)	50	-6	0.08	2.93	0.04
Northeast(3)	51	-7	0.01	2.03	-0.71
W. Central(4)	53	-4	0.87	2.28	-0.86
Central(5)	53	-4	0.08	1.90	-0.98
E. Central(6)	55	-3	0.02	1.71	-1.61
Southwest(7)	58	2	0.47	2.31	-1.12
S. Central(8)	60	2	0.27	2.04	-1.21
Southeast(9)	61	2	0.01	2.20	-1.59

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