

# NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK & WEATHER REPORT



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**General:** Rain continued last week, marking the fourth straight week of harvest delays due to rainy weather and muddy fields, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Rain occurred statewide but was most prevalent in the central and west central districts. Reporters noted that the general quality of crops was negatively affected by continued exposure to wet conditions. Statewide, on average, there were 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week, which was the fourth week in a row with 3.5 days suitable or less. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 8 percent short, 72 adequate and 20 surplus compared with the five-year (2004-2008) average of 7 percent very short, 23 short, 63 adequate and 7 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 16 short, 67 adequate and 16 surplus compared with the average of 15 percent very short, 25 short, 54 adequate and 6 surplus.

**Crops:** Sugarbeets lifted made consistent progress, while the harvest of all other crops continued to be slowed by wet conditions. Sugarbeets gained 12 percentage points to 80 percent lifted, behind the average of 94 percent. The flaxseed harvest gained 1 percentage point to 86 percent complete. Dry edible beans were 67 percent cut and 54 percent harvested. Soybeans gained 5 percentage points to 26 percent harvested, compared with 76 percent last year and 87 percent average. Sunflowers were 8 percent harvested. Corn harvested for grain was 2 percent complete.

**Livestock:** Livestock producers were weaning calves, hauling hay and marketing the 2009 calf crop. Corn chopped for silage was 88 percent complete, behind 97 percent last year and the average of 99 percent. Pasture and range conditions were rated 1 percent very poor, 8 poor, 34 fair, 51 good and 6 excellent compared with the average rating of 14 percent very poor, 20 poor, 33 fair, 30 good and 3 excellent. Stockwater supplies were rated 94 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 52 percent last year and 68 percent average.

## Crop and Pasture Condition North Dakota, Week Ending October 25, 2009

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	1	7	31	49	12
Soybeans	1	5	27	60	7
Sunflower	1	2	19	64	14
Pasture and Range	1	8	34	51	6

## Crop Development Progress North Dakota, Week Ending October 25, 2009<sup>1,2</sup>

Crop	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg
	Oct 25, 2009	Oct 18, 2009	Oct 25, 2008	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
<b>Corn</b>				
Dented	94	92	100	99
Mature	50	41	93	91
Harvested for Grain	2	1	4	33
<b>Corn for Silage</b>				
Chopped	88	81	97	99
<b>Dry Edible Beans</b>				
Cut	67	67	94	97
Harvested	54	50	89	93
<b>Flaxseed</b>				
Harvested	86	85	100	98
<b>Soybeans</b>				
Harvested	26	21	76	87
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Lifted	80	68	87	94
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	8	7	19	36

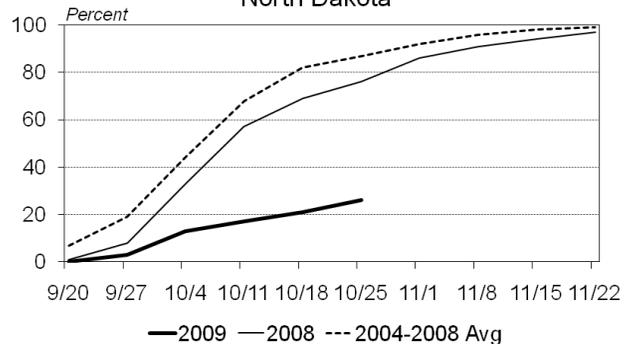
<sup>1</sup> Crop development percents represent all acreage in or beyond each stage.  
<sup>2</sup> Progress is based on current intended acreage. NA = Not Available

## Crops Harvested: Percent Completed, by District North Dakota, Week Ending October 25, 2009

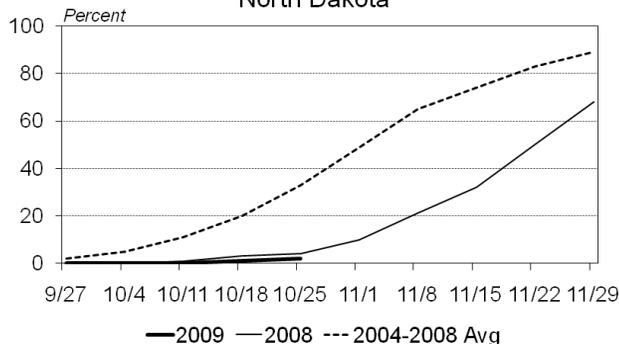
Crop	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE
	--- Percent ---								
Flaxseed	83	75	64	98	98	100	97	100	100
Dry Beans	NA	NA	56	75	42	63	NA	NA	62
Soybeans	13	18	26	NA	18	31	NA	13	24

NA = Not Available

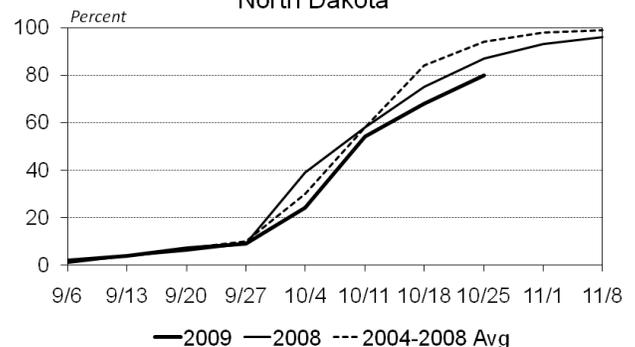
Soybeans: Harvested  
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Corn for Grain: Harvested  
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Sugarbeets: Lifted  
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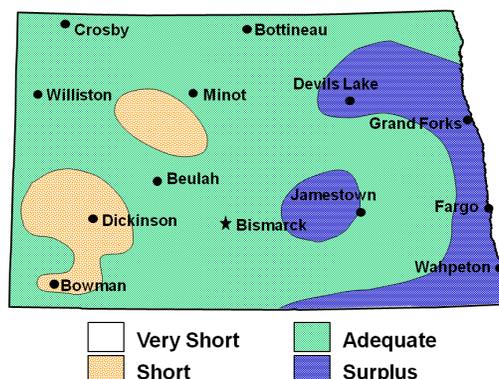
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**NORTH DAKOTA CROP WEATHER REPORT, Week Ending October 25, 2009**

**Soil Moisture Supplies  
 North Dakota, Week Ending October 25, 2009**

Date	Week Ending			2004-2008 Avg
	Oct 25, 2009	Oct 18, 2009	Oct 25, 2008	
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
<b>Topsoil</b>				
Very Short	0	0	6	7
Short	8	11	17	23
Adequate	72	73	59	63
Surplus	20	16	18	7
<b>Subsoil</b>				
Very Short	1	1	19	15
Short	16	18	19	25
Adequate	67	67	47	54
Surplus	16	14	15	6

**Topsoil Moisture Supplies  
 North Dakota, October 25, 2009**



**Weather:** Temperatures were below normal across much of the state this past week with near to above normal temperatures in parts of the central, north central, and northwest regions. Precipitation was above normal across much of the state and near to below normal in parts of the southwest and northeast. There was rain across the state on Monday with highs in the mid-40s to low 60s. Rain showers continued statewide on Tuesday with highs in the upper 30s to 40s. Highs on Wednesday were in the 40s to mid-50s with a few showers in the southeast and northwest. There were showers in the western part of the state on Thursday with highs in the mid-40s to low 50s. Highs on Friday were in the upper 40s to 50s with a few showers in the west. There were showers across the state on Saturday with highs in the 40s to mid-50s. Highs on Sunday were in the 40s to low 50s with a few showers in the west.

**Outlook, October 26-November 1:** Temperatures will be near to below normal across the state this upcoming week. Precipitation will be near to above normal in most areas. The best chance for significant precipitation will occur mid to late week. Highs on Monday will be in the upper 40s to mid-50s with dry conditions. There will be a chance of showers in the north and west on Tuesday with highs in the mid-40s to mid-50s. Highs on Wednesday will be in the upper 30s to low 50s with a chance of rain or snow in the west and a chance of rain elsewhere. Similar precipitation patterns will continue on Thursday with highs in the upper 30s to mid-40s. Highs on Friday will be in the mid-30s to 40s with a chance of rain or snow in the west and a chance of rain elsewhere. There will be a chance of rain or snow across the state on Saturday with highs in the mid-30s to mid-40s. Highs on Sunday will be in the mid-30s to mid-40s with a chance of rain or snow in the south and west.

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations  
 North Dakota, Week ending October 25, 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)	43	3	0.39	11.85	-1.84
N. Central(2)	40	0	0.34	13.10	-1.94
Northeast(3)	36	-4	0.21	15.53	0.58
W. Central(4)	42	0	0.77	12.24	-1.51
Central(5)	38	-3	0.80	12.48	-2.27
E. Central(6)	38	-3	0.58	13.86	-3.01
Southwest(7)	42	0	0.33	12.07	-1.01
S. Central(8)	41	-1	0.64	15.74	1.66
Southeast(9)	38	-4	0.56	18.52	1.91

**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	56	31	0.33	10.10	-4.26
Williston	58	32	0.77	10.76	-0.45
Mohall	56	31	0.23	13.18	-1.43
Minot	56	30	0.21	13.35	-1.23
(2) Baker	55	27	0.42	14.31	-0.21
Bottineau	56	24	0.28	11.88	-3.54
Rugby	56	25	0.32	13.10	-2.08
(3) Cando	53	22	0.25	14.03	0.63
Cavalier	49	22	0.07	17.08	1.54
Forest River	52	23	0.23	15.37	0.43
Grand Forks	51	25	0.45	15.90	0.48
Langdon	47	22	0.10	16.09	0.63
St. Thomas	49	25	0.14	14.70	-0.24
(4) Hazen	58	31	0.71	12.40	-1.52
Turtle Lake	56	24	0.72	12.92	-1.34
Watford City	58	30	0.88	11.41	-1.67
(5) Carrington	53	23	0.87	12.96	-3.77
Harvey	56	24	0.88	10.78	-2.08
Jamestown	53	25	0.65	9.61	-5.55
Robinson	54	24	0.88	16.09	1.78
Streeter	53	22	0.70	12.94	-1.74
(6) Dazey	51	22	0.54	10.36	-6.34
Fargo	51	27	0.69	14.18	-2.62
Hillsboro	52	25	0.51	17.05	-0.08
(7) Beach	56	29	0.39	12.41	-0.14
Bowman	56	27	0.23	10.82	-1.83
Dickinson	57	27	0.38	13.01	-0.80
Hettinger	57	27	0.30	12.04	-1.27
(8) Mandan	57	25	0.67	18.62	4.05
Linton	55	27	0.60	12.85	-0.73
(9) Edgeley	53	24	0.50	14.40	-1.55
Oakes	52	24	0.57	21.02	4.95
Wyndmere	51	27	0.62	20.13	2.33

<sup>1</sup> Precipitation amounts may vary due to an inaccurate snowfall melt. <sup>2</sup> Normal is the 1971-2000 average. NA=Not Available. Weather data collected from NDAWN stations and compiled by UND Aerospace Regional Weather Information Center.

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