

NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK & WEATHER REPORT



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General: A major snowstorm occurred across the state in late December which further delayed corn harvest progress, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Minimal progress was made harvesting corn since the previous estimate on December 20. Reporters noted that many producers will wait until spring to harvest their remaining corn. Activities during December included harvesting corn, moving hay and livestock to winter yards, marketing grain and removing snow. County and secondary roads on January 3 were rated 82 percent open, 14 difficult, and 4 closed. Road conditions were 26 percent drifted, 12 icy and 62 dry on January 3.

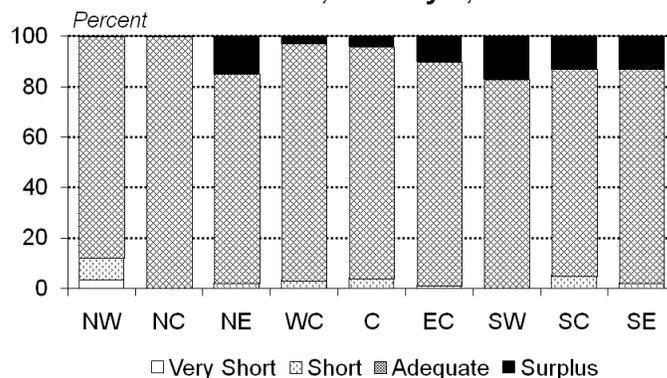
Statewide, average snow depth was 11.3 inches on January 3, compared with 17.1 inches last year. The east central and northeast districts reported the highest snow depth with 14.2 and 12.8 inches, respectively. The central district reported the lowest snow depth with 7.0 inches, followed by 9.6 inches in the southwest district.

Crops: As of January 3, snow cover protection for alfalfa was rated 2 percent poor, 61 adequate, and 37 excellent. Snow cover protection for winter wheat was rated 2 percent poor, 63 adequate, and 35 excellent. Corn harvest increased 3 percentage points from December 20 to 71 percent complete.

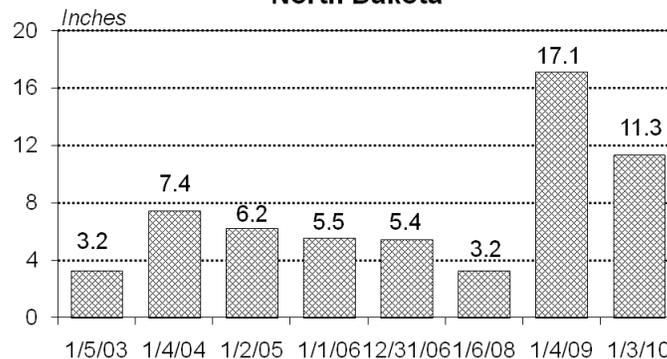
Livestock: Reporters commented that the snowfall has caused problems for producers with livestock or hay still in pastures and fields.

Cattle conditions were rated 2 percent poor, 17 fair, 69 good and 12 excellent. Sheep conditions were rated 2 percent poor, 15 fair, 78 good and 5 excellent. Hay and forage supplies were rated 3 percent short, 88 adequate, and 9 surplus.

Hay and Forage Supplies by District
North Dakota, January 3, 2010



Average Snow Depth by Date
North Dakota



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Weather: Overall, December had below normal temperatures while precipitation was above normal in most areas due to a major storm late in the month. Only a few areas in the west and northwest received near to below normal precipitation. The month started out with near to above normal temperatures with light snow across much of the state. The second week of December was the coldest period across the state. Below normal temperatures continued in the third week. Temperatures were near to above normal in the central and east and below normal in the west for the fourth week of the month. A major storm affected most of the state from December 23-26 with heavy snowfall mainly in parts of the central and east. Snowfall over this time period ranged from 12 to 24 inches in most of the central and eastern parts of the state, 6 to 12 inches in most other areas and less than 6 inches in the far west and northwest.

Outlook, January: January will start out with below normal temperatures across the state with above normal precipitation in the west and central and near to below normal precipitation in the east. Above normal temperatures are expected across much of the state for the second week of the month with near normal precipitation in the west and below normal precipitation in the east. Temperatures for the second half of the month should be near to above normal with near normal precipitation. Dry conditions are expected to continue for the northwestern part of the state. Some improvement will be likely with expected precipitation early in the month in the west and central areas of the state. Overall for the month of January, the state will see near to above normal temperatures with near to below normal precipitation.

TEMPERATURE, November 30 - December 27, 2009

District & Stations	Temperature			
	High <i>Degrees F</i>	Low <i>Degrees F</i>	Average <i>Degrees F</i>	Depart/Norm ¹ <i>Degrees F</i>
NORTHWEST				
Bowbells	42	-26	4	-8
Williston	45	-24	8	-6
Mohall	43	-23	5	-7
Minot	44	-19	9	-6
NORTH CENTRAL				
Baker	43	-24	8	-3
Bottineau	44	-26	4	-4
Rugby	44	-24	6	-5
NORTHEAST				
Cando	45	-24	5	-11
Cavalier	46	-24	7	-2
Forest River	48	-20	9	-3
Grand Forks	48	-19	9	-3
Langdon	42	-25	5	-2
St. Thomas	46	-25	8	-4
WEST CENTRAL				
Hazen	48	-21	11	-6
Turtle Lake	45	-19	10	-4
Watford City	46	-22	8	-10
CENTRAL				
Carrington	44	-17	10	-3
Harvey	44	-19	9	-6
Jamestown	47	-15	12	-2
Robinson	47	-18	12	-4
Streeter	47	-19	12	-1
EAST CENTRAL				
Dazey	45	-14	11	-1
Fargo	44	-13	12	-1
Hillsboro	44	-19	8	-5
SOUTHWEST				
Beach	51	-24	10	-10
Bowman	52	-23	10	-9
Dickinson	50	-28	9	-9
Hettinger	52	-23	11	-6
SOUTH CENTRAL				
Mandan	50	-19	12	-4
Linton	50	-20	11	-4
SOUTHEAST				
Edgeley	48	-12	13	-2
Oakes	50	-15	13	-1
Wyndmere	47	-9	14	-2

¹ Normal is the 1971-2000 average. Weather data collected from NDAWN stations and compiled by UND Aerospace Regional Weather Information Center.