

NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK & WEATHER REPORT



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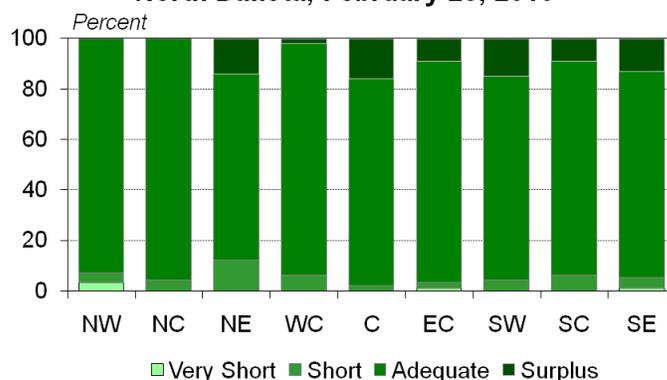
General: Below normal temperatures were reported throughout the state during February, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. The state received near to above normal precipitation in the first half of the month and trace amounts over the remaining half. Reporters noted a few incidents of storage problems due to wet grain. Major activities included marketing grain, cleaning seed, calving and lambing. County and secondary roads on February 28 were rated 80 percent open, 14 difficult and 6 closed. Road conditions were 21 percent drifted, 22 icy and 57 dry on February 28.

Statewide, average snow depth was 17.1 inches on February 28, compared with 16.9 inches last year and 13.3 inches on January 31, 2010. The central district had the highest snow depth of 21.0 inches, followed by the north central and east central districts with 19.4 inches reported in each. The southwest and northwest districts reported the lowest snow depth with 11.4 inches and 14.9 inches, respectively.

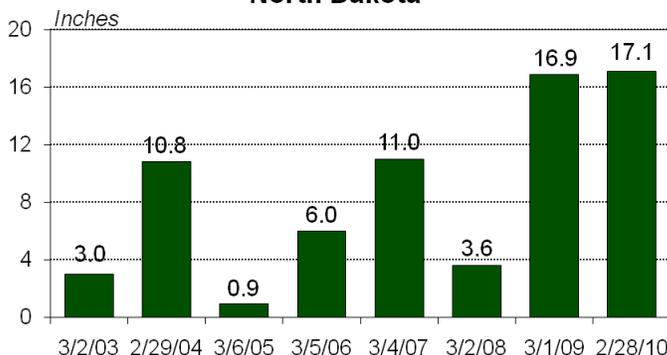
Crops: As of February 28, snow cover protection for alfalfa was rated 1 percent poor, 43 adequate and 56 excellent. Snow cover protection for winter wheat was rated 2 percent poor, 47 adequate and 51 excellent. Corn harvest increased 3 percentage points from January 31 to 76 percent complete.

Livestock: Calving and lambing has started with 8 and 16 percent completion, respectively. Sheep shearing was 27 percent complete. Cattle conditions were rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 15 fair, 71 good and 10 excellent. Sheep conditions were rated 4 percent poor, 18 fair, 73 good and 5 excellent. While hay and forage supplies were rated 5 percent short, 86 adequate and 9 surplus, livestock producers noted that the snow cover has made it difficult to gather these supplies.

Hay and Forage Supplies by District
North Dakota, February 28, 2010



Average Snow Depth by Date
North Dakota



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Weather: Overall, February had below normal temperatures across the state with temperatures well below normal in the southwest part of the state. Precipitation was above normal in much of the central and southeast areas with near to below normal precipitation elsewhere. Most of the precipitation fell in the first half of the month with widespread dry conditions for the last half of the month. Temperatures were below normal statewide for the first week of the month with near to above normal precipitation in the central and east. Snowfall amounts of generally 3 to 8 inches fell in much of the central and eastern parts of the state from February 5-8. Below normal temperatures continued for the second week of the month with above normal precipitation in much of the central and southeast. Snowfall amounts ranged from 2 to 12 inches on February 13. Temperatures were below normal for the last two weeks of the month with below normal precipitation.

Outlook, March: March looks to start off with near normal temperatures and below normal precipitation. Temperatures will return to below normal values for the second week of the month with near to below normal precipitation. Temperatures will average near to below normal for much of the state for the month of March. Precipitation will be near normal for most areas during the month.

TEMPERATURE, February 1-28, 2010

District & Stations	Temperature			
	High	Low	Average	Depart/Norm ¹
	Degrees F	Degrees F	Degrees F	Degrees F
NORTHWEST				
Bowbells	25	-15	5	-8
Williston	29	-14	8	-8
Mohall	28	-21	3	-9
Minot	31	-12	7	-10
NORTH CENTRAL				
Baker	27	-17	6	-5
Bottineau	28	-18	4	-6
Rugby	28	-21	3	-10
NORTHEAST				
Cando	30	-21	4	-13
Cavalier	31	-19	5	-5
Forest River	28	-24	3	-10
Grand Forks	29	-23	5	-8
Langdon	28	-16	5	-2
St. Thomas	28	-23	3	-10
WEST CENTRAL				
Hazen	34	-19	6	-13
Turtle Lake	27	-14	6	-9
Watford City	27	-14	8	-13
CENTRAL				
Carrington	28	-22	3	-11
Harvey	28	-21	4	-13
Jamestown	27	-17	6	-10
Robinson	32	-18	5	-12
Streeter	30	-14	7	-7
EAST CENTRAL				
Dazey	27	-23	4	-9
Fargo	31	-16	7	-7
Hillsboro	31	-26	4	-8
SOUTHWEST				
Beach	35	-13	12	-10
Bowman	35	-14	11	-10
Dickinson	35	-14	10	-11
Hettinger	36	-12	11	-9
SOUTH CENTRAL				
Mandan	34	-17	8	-9
Linton	29	-15	7	-10
SOUTHEAST				
Edgeley	29	-19	5	-10
Oakes	29	-22	5	-10
Wyndmere	29	-23	6	-9

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