

NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK, & WEATHER REPORT



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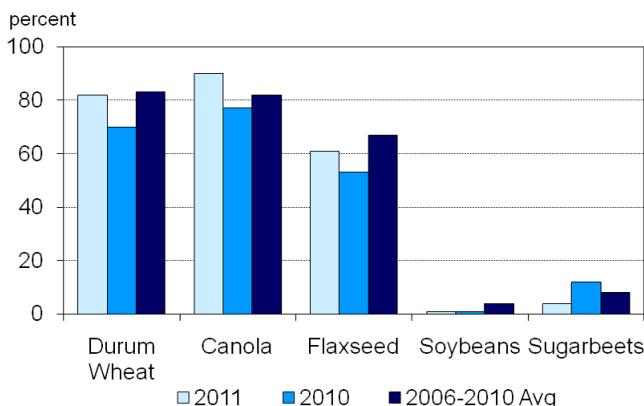
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General: Harvest progressed with continued dry weather last week, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. A killing frost was reported in many areas midweek. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 20 short, 69 adequate, and 9 surplus while subsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 11 short, 72 adequate, and 16 surplus. Statewide, on average, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork.

Crops: Barley and oat harvests essentially completed this week, while both spring and durum wheat made progress. As of September 18, barley was 98 percent harvested. Durum wheat was 82 percent harvested. Spring wheat was 93 percent harvested. Oats were 96 percent harvested. Canola was 99 percent swathed and 90 percent harvested. Eighty-three percent of the corn crop had reached the dented stage, behind 95 percent at this point last year but ahead of 80 percent for the five-year average. Corn for silage was 21 percent chopped. Ninety-five percent of dry edible beans had lower leaves yellowing, 79 percent were dropping leaves, and 25 percent had been cut. Dry edible peas were 99 percent harvested. Flaxseed was 61 percent harvested. As of September 18, 81 percent of potatoes had vines killed, and 23 percent were dug. Eighty-two percent of soybeans had lower leaves yellowing, 46 percent had dropped leaves, and 1 percent were harvested. Four percent of the sugarbeet crop was harvested. Eighty-nine percent of sunflowers had ray flowers dropped, 59 percent had bracts turned yellow, and 12 percent had bracts turned brown. Other activities during the week included preparations for winter wheat planting.

Livestock: Stockwater supplies were rated 4 percent short, 74 adequate, and 22 surplus. Pasture and range conditions were rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 21 fair, 61 good, and 11 excellent.

Crops Harvested North Dakota: September 18, 2011



Crop and Pasture Condition North Dakota: September 18, 2011

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Corn.....	3	12	26	50	9
Dry edible beans	3	12	34	42	9
Flaxseed	-	6	24	60	10
Potatoes.....	4	10	24	48	14
Soybeans.....	4	11	25	53	7
Sugarbeets	1	8	26	56	9
Sunflower.....	-	5	20	65	10
Pasture and range	1	6	21	61	11

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress – North Dakota

(Percentages represent all acreage in or beyond each stage. Progress is based on current intended acreage.)

Crop	Sept 18, 2011 (percent)	Sept 11, 2011 (percent)	Sept 18, 2010 (percent)	2006-2010 Average (percent)
Barley				
Harvested.....	98	93	100	98
Durum wheat				
Harvested.....	82	61	70	83
Spring wheat				
Harvested.....	93	82	88	91
Oats				
Harvested.....	96	88	99	98
Canola				
Swathed.....	99	92	100	98
Harvested.....	90	69	77	82
Corn, all				
Dented	83	68	95	80
Mature.....	20	7	44	33
Corn for Silage				
Chopped	21	10	30	40
Dry edible beans				
Lower Leaves Yellowing.....	95	83	100	93
Dropping Leaves.....	79	56	95	83
Cut	25	7	50	47
Dry edible peas				
Harvested.....	99	93	100	100
Flaxseed				
Harvested.....	61	40	53	67
Potatoes				
Vines Killed.....	81	48	74	78
Dug	23	7	40	37
Soybeans				
Lower Leaves Yellowing.....	82	48	91	86
Dropping Leaves.....	46	13	63	61
Harvested.....	1	(NA)	1	4
Sugarbeets				
Lifted.....	4	2	12	8
Sunflower				
Ray Flowers Dried/Dropped ..	89	73	96	94
Bracts Turned Yellow	59	32	74	74
Bracts Turned Brown.....	12	2	26	32

- Represents zero. (NA) Not available.

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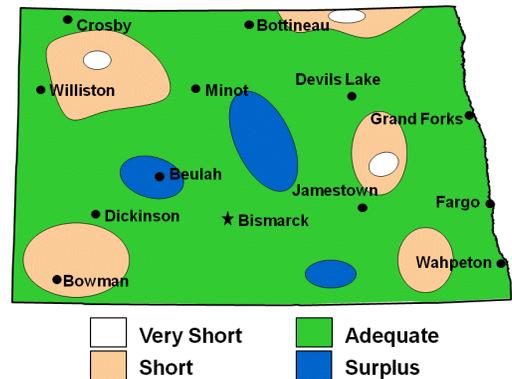
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Soil Moisture Supplies – North Dakota

Item	Sept 18, 2011	Sept 11, 2011	Sept 18, 2010	2006-2010 Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil				
Very Short..	2	2	-	10
Short	20	16	6	24
Adequate...	69	72	81	61
Surplus.....	9	10	13	5
Subsoil				
Very Short..	1	1	-	14
Short	11	8	10	25
Adequate...	72	76	77	57
Surplus.....	16	15	13	4

- Represents zero.

**Topsoil Moisture Supplies
 North Dakota, September 18, 2011**



Weather: Temperatures were below normal statewide. Precipitation was below normal across the state. Monday was dry with highs in the 60s to low 80s. Highs on Tuesday were in the 60s to low 70s with a few showers in the southwest. Wednesday was dry with highs in the 50s to low 60s. Highs on Thursday were in the 50s to mid-60s with dry conditions. Friday was dry with highs in the 50s to low 70s. There were showers across the west and central on Saturday with highs in the 50s to 60s. Highs on Sunday were in the upper 60s to mid-70s with a few showers in the east.

Outlook, September 19-26: Temperatures will be near to above normal. Precipitation will be above normal in parts of the north and east and below normal elsewhere. There will be a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the west on Monday with highs in the upper 60s to 70s. Highs on Tuesday will be in the 50s to low 60s with a chance of showers across much of the state. Wednesday will be dry with highs in the mid-50s to low 60s. Highs on Thursday will be in the mid-60s to mid-70s with dry conditions. Friday will be dry with highs in the mid-70s to mid-80s. Highs on Saturday and Sunday will be in the upper 70s to mid-80s with dry conditions.

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations
 North Dakota, Week ending September 18, 2011**

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)	49	-6	0.06	15.37	3.35
N. Central(2)	48	-6	0.02	13.79	0.58
Northeast(3)	51	-5	0.05	13.44	0.32
W. Central(4)	50	-7	0.02	14.98	2.98
Central(5)	51	-6	0.08	16.31	3.41
E. Central(6)	53	-4	0.11	17.17	2.62
Southwest(7)	50	-6	0.01	14.84	3.47
S. Central(8)	51	-5	0.07	16.00	3.70
Southeast(9)	54	-4	0.44	17.46	3.04

¹ Precipitation amounts may vary due to an inaccurate snowfall melt.
² Normal is the 1971-2000 average. Weather data collected from NDAWN stations and compiled by UND Aerospace Regional Weather Information Center.

**Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations
 North Dakota, Week ending September 18, 2011**

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.....	66	29	0.00	15.52	2.91
Williston.....	71	30	0.20	13.37	3.39
Mohall.....	66	32	0.01	16.22	3.57
Minot.....	68	32	0.01	16.36	3.54
(2) Baker.....	69	30	0.03	14.82	2.17
Bottineau.....	67	24	0.01	13.02	-0.61
Rugby.....	69	29	0.03	13.53	0.19
(3) Cando.....	70	31	0.04	13.47	1.56
Cavalier.....	78	26	0.06	13.53	-0.05
Forest River....	76	28	0.03	14.29	1.21
Grand Forks....	74	28	0.11	14.86	1.50
Langdon.....	71	29	0.03	9.47	-4.23
St. Thomas.....	75	29	0.03	15.04	1.96
(4) Hazen.....	71	26	0.04	17.48	5.34
Turtle Lake.....	70	29	0.01	11.70	-0.86
Watford City....	70	34	0.00	15.77	4.45
(5) Carrington.....	73	30	0.11	18.48	3.99
Harvey.....	73	29	0.00	11.74	0.66
Jamestown.....	72	31	0.13	17.74	4.41
Robinson.....	71	33	0.08	15.40	2.88
Streeter.....	72	32	0.07	18.17	5.12
(6) Dazey.....	75	30	0.20	17.11	2.51
Fargo.....	76	34	0.04	16.96	2.65
Hillsboro.....	75	28	0.08	17.45	2.71
(7) Beach.....	70	31	0.01	14.06	3.13
Bowman.....	69	31	0.00	17.88	6.95
Dickinson.....	69	32	0.00	13.83	1.80
Hettinger.....	70	34	0.03	13.58	2.02
(8) Mandan.....	72	30	0.03	17.85	5.07
Linton.....	73	32	0.11	14.15	2.33
(9) Edgeley.....	75	30	0.77	16.99	2.85
Oakes.....	77	32	0.28	16.76	3.09
Wyndmere.....	79	31	0.28	18.63	3.17

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