

NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK, & WEATHER REPORT



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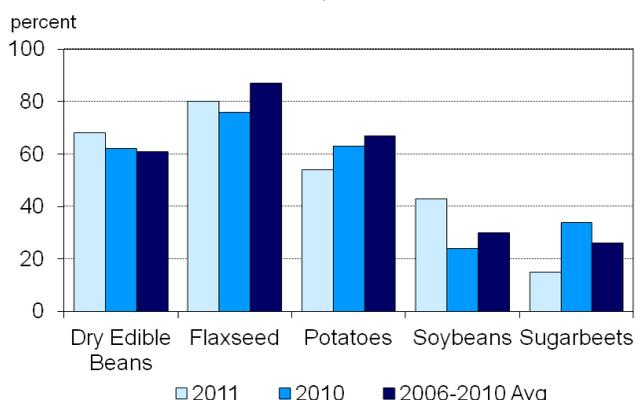
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General: Favorable weather conditions allowed for excellent harvest progress to be made across the state, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 19 short, 72 adequate, and 7 surplus while subsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 10 short, 75 adequate, and 14 surplus. Statewide, on average, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork.

Crops: Harvest began this week for sunflowers and corn. Sugarbeet and soybean harvest made good progress, while dry edible beans, potatoes, and corn for silage chopped passed the halfway point. Durum wheat was 98 percent harvested. Ninety-five percent of the corn crop had reached the dented stage, 58 percent had reached maturity, and 1 percent was harvested. Corn for silage was 68 percent chopped. Eighty-two percent of dry edible beans had been cut and 68 percent had been harvested. Flaxseed was 80 percent harvested. As of October 2, 97 percent of potatoes had vines killed and 54 percent were dug. Ninety-eight percent of soybeans had dropped leaves and 43 percent were harvested. Fifteen percent of the sugarbeet crop was harvested. Ninety-eight percent of sunflowers had bracts turned yellow, 69 percent had bracts turned brown, and 1 percent was harvested. Other activities during the week included winter wheat planting.

Livestock: Stockwater supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 3 short, 75 adequate, and 21 surplus. Pasture and range conditions were rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 21 fair, 63 good, and 9 excellent.

Crops Harvested North Dakota: October 2, 2011



Crop and Pasture Condition North Dakota: October 2, 2011

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn.....	2	12	28	48	10
Dry edible beans.....	3	11	33	45	8
Flaxseed.....	-	5	24	61	10
Potatoes.....	4	10	22	50	14
Soybeans.....	3	12	29	46	10
Sugarbeets.....	2	11	30	48	9
Sunflower.....	-	6	21	63	10
Pasture and range.....	1	6	21	63	9

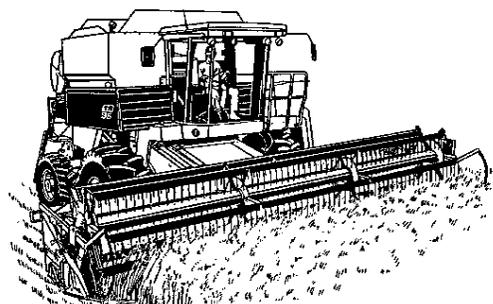
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Crop Progress – North Dakota

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

Crop	Oct 2, 2011	Sept 25, 2011	Oct 2, 2010	2006-2010 Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Durum wheat				
Harvested.....	98	92	87	95
Corn, all				
Dented.....	95	93	100	96
Mature.....	58	42	86	69
Harvested.....	1	-	2	3
Corn for Silage				
Chopped.....	68	40	68	73
Dry edible beans				
Cut.....	82	57	73	76
Harvested.....	68	39	62	61
Flaxseed				
Harvested.....	80	77	76	87
Potatoes				
Vines Killed.....	97	92	94	94
Dug.....	54	27	63	67
Soybeans				
Dropping Leaves.....	98	86	94	95
Harvested.....	43	5	24	30
Sugarbeets				
Lifted.....	15	5	34	26
Sunflower				
Bracts Turned Yellow.....	98	86	95	95
Bracts Turned Brown.....	69	39	62	70
Harvested.....	1	-	1	3

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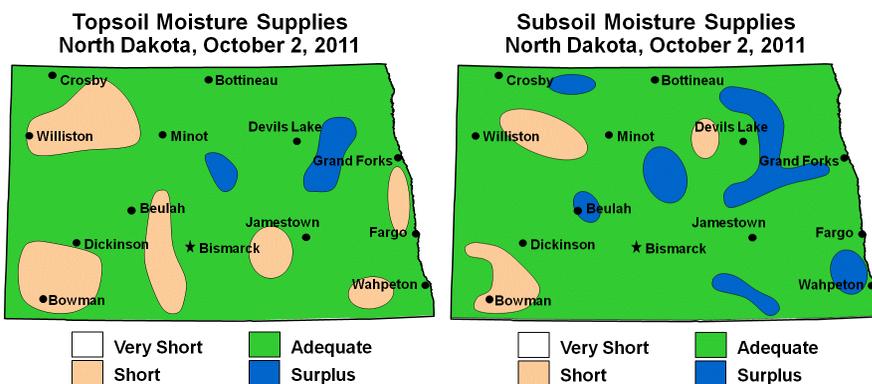
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Soil Moisture Supplies – North Dakota

Item	Oct 2, 2011	Sept 25, 2011	Oct 2, 2010	2006-2010 Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil				
Very Short	2	1	-	8
Short	19	15	4	23
Adequate.....	72	74	82	63
Surplus.....	7	10	14	6
Subsoil				
Very Short	1	1	-	13
Short	10	9	5	24
Adequate.....	75	73	80	57
Surplus.....	14	17	15	6

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Weather: Temperatures were above normal statewide. Precipitation was below normal across the state. Monday was dry with highs in the upper 60s to low 80s. Tuesday was dry with highs in the upper 70s to 80s. Highs on Wednesday were in the mid-70s to low 90s with dry conditions. Thursday was dry with highs in the mid-60s to low 70s. Friday was dry with highs in the 60s to low 80s. Highs on Saturday were in the 70s to low 90s with dry conditions. Sunday was dry with highs in the upper 70s to mid-90s.

Outlook, October 3-9: Temperatures will be above normal. Precipitation will be near to above normal across much of the state. Monday and Tuesday will be dry with highs in the mid-70s to mid-80s. Highs on Wednesday will be in the upper 70s to mid-80s with dry conditions. Thursday will be dry with highs in the mid-70s to low 80s. There will be a chance of showers across the state on Friday with highs in the 70s. Highs on Saturday will be in the 60s with a chance of showers statewide. There will be a chance of showers in the east on Sunday with highs in the 60s.

Temperature and Precipitation – Districts and Stations
 North Dakota: Week ending October 2, 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)	Not available at time of publication.				
N. Central (2)					
Northeast (3)					
W. Central (4)					
Central (5)					
E. Central (6)					
Southwest(7)					
S. Central (8)					
Southeast (9)					

(NA) Not Available 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 and Precipitation – Districts and Stations
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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	Not available at time of publication.				
Williston.....					
Mohall					
Minot.....					
(2) Baker.....					
Bottineau.....					
Rugby					
(3) Cando.....					
Cavalier.....					
Forest River ...					
Grand Forks...					
Langdon.....					
St. Thomas.....					
(4) Hazen.....					
Turtle Lake.....					
Watford City ...					
(5) Carrington.....					
Harvey					
Jamestown.....					
Robinson.....					
Streeter					
(6) Dazey					
Fargo					
Hillsboro.....					
(7) Beach					
Bowman.....					
Dickinson					
Hettinger					
(8) Mandan					
Linton.....					
(9) Edgeley					
Oakes					
Wyndmere.....					

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