



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND July 15, 2013 – For the week ending July 14, 2013, temperatures continued above normal across the state which sped up ripening of small grains, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, the hot temperatures are rapidly drying soils and moisture is needed in many parts of the state to aid row crop development. Statewide, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 21 short, 67 adequate, and 10 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 13 short, 76 adequate, and 10 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Spring wheat jointed was at 89 percent, behind last year at 100 and 97 average. Headed was 62 percent, well behind 99 last year and 72 average. Turning color was 2 percent, also well behind last year at 50 and 15 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 21 fair, 60 good, and 14 excellent.

Durum wheat jointed was 85 percent, behind 100 last year but near 87 average. Headed was 54 percent, behind last years' 94 but near 55 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 17 fair, 76 good, and 4 excellent.

Oats jointed was 93 percent, behind 100 last year and 97 average. Headed was 73 percent, behind 95 last year but equal to 73 average. Turning color was 1 percent, well behind last years' 53 and 15 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 1 poor, 12 fair, 72 good, and 13 excellent.

Barley emerged was 95 percent, behind 100 last year and 100 average. Jointed was 90 percent, behind 100 last year and 98 average. Headed was 64 percent, behind last years' 98 and 75 average. Turning color was 1 percent, well behind 60 last year and 18 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 25 fair, 63 good, and 8 excellent.

Canola emerged was 95 percent, behind last year at 100 and 100 average. Blooming was 69 percent, behind 99 last year and 79 average. Turning color was 1 percent, behind 22 last year and 7 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 21 fair, 64 good, and 11 excellent.

Flaxseed emerged was 95 percent, behind 100 for 2012 and average. Blooming was 46 percent, behind last year at 73 and 56 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 29 fair, 57 good, and 7 excellent.

Sugarbeet condition rated 4 percent very poor, 9 poor, 32 fair, 40 good, and 15 excellent.

Corn silking was 5 percent, behind last years' 38 and 12 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 22 fair, 57 good, and 14 excellent.

Soybean blooming was 26 percent, behind 2012 at 66 and average at 39. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 22 fair, 61 good, and 13 excellent.

Potatoes emerged was 85 percent, behind 100 last year and 100 average. Blooming was 19 percent, behind 83 last year and 54 average. Condition rated 16 percent very poor, 11 poor, 34 fair, 30 good, and 9 excellent.

Dry edible pea flowering was 76 percent, behind last year at 99 and 89 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 5 poor, 18 fair, 72 good, and 5 excellent.

Dry edible bean emerged was 95 percent, behind 100 last year and 100 average. Blooming was 13 percent, behind last year at 71 and 32 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 6 poor, 36 fair, 50 good, and 5 excellent.

Sunflower planting was 95 percent complete, behind 100 last year and 100 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 21 fair, 67 good, and 9 excellent.

First cutting of alfalfa hay was 86 percent complete. Alfalfa hay condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 14 fair, 55 good, and 28 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Hay and forage supplies rated 3 percent very short, 8 short, 83 adequate, and 6 surplus. Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 10 fair, 59 good, and 30 excellent.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and NDSU Extension Service.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:
<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2013/CropProg-07-15-2013.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:
http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=ND®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:
http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?ND,HP