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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND November 18, 2013-- For the week ending November 17, 2013, producers were able to make good harvest progress on corn, soybeans, and sunflowers last week as dry weather continued, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, corn harvest in some areas was slowed as producers were waiting for high-moisture corn to dry in the field because of propane shortages and the lack of available storage. Also, some elevators were limiting the bushels of corn that could be delivered based on the amount that could be dried down each day. Soybean harvest was close to being complete as producers finish in wet soil areas that were hardened by freezing conditions. Temperatures for the week were mild and averaged 2 to 4 degrees above normal over much of the state. Statewide, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 78 adequate and 19 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 81 adequate and 14 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 23 fair, 60 good, and 16 excellent.

Corn harvest was 78 percent complete, well behind last year's 100 but ahead of 69 average.

Sunflowers harvested were 63 percent, well behind 95 last year and 87 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 10 poor, 31 fair, 51 good, and 6 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 10 poor, 21 fair, 53 good, and 15 excellent. Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 9 fair, 75 good and 15 excellent. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 11 fair, 78 good and 10 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 83 adequate and 14 surplus.

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-11-18-2013.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