



# News Release

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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND August 19, 2013 – For the week ending August 18, 2013, very little to no precipitation was received in most areas of the state last week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, heavy morning dews caused by cool temperatures slowed small grain harvest in some areas. Average temperatures were slightly above normal in the northwest part of the state while the remainder of the state averaged 2 to 4 degrees below normal. Statewide, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 9 percent very short, 38 short, 48 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 34 short, 55 adequate, and 6 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Spring wheat turning color was 87 percent, behind last year at 100 but near 89 average. Ripe was 43 percent. Harvested was 9 percent, well behind last year's 82 and 35 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 23 fair, 61 good, and 11 excellent.

Durum wheat turning color was 75 percent, well behind 99 last year but equal to 75 average. Ripe was 21 percent. Harvested was 2 percent, well behind last year's 57 and 20 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 25 fair, 65 good, and 9 excellent.

Oats turning color was 95 percent, behind last year's 100 but near 93 average. Ripe was 63 percent. Harvested was 23 percent, well behind last year's 88 and 45 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 69 good, and 14 excellent.

Barley turning color was 94 percent, behind 100 last year but near 96 average. Ripe was 53 percent. Harvested were 12 percent, well behind last year's 92 and 48 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 23 fair, 65 good, and 7 excellent.

Canola turning color was 70 percent, well behind 100 last year and 87 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 22 fair, 64 good, and 11 excellent.

Flaxseed turning color was 53 percent, well behind 96 last year and 71 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 32 fair, 56 good, and 8 excellent.

Lentils harvested were 9 percent, well behind 89 last year and 47 average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 9 poor, 30 fair, 54 good, and 7 excellent.

Corn silking was 97 percent, behind last year's 100 but near 96 average. Dough was 20 percent, well behind 78 last year and 43 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 32 fair, 48 good, and 9 excellent.

Soybean blooming was 95 percent, behind 2012 at 100 and average at 99. Setting pods was 79 percent, well behind 100 last year and 93 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 10 poor, 40 fair, 43 good, and 5 excellent.

Potatoes at the rows filled stage were 91 percent, behind 100 last year and 97 average. Condition rated 5 percent very poor, 11 poor, 46 fair, 35 good, and 3 excellent.

Dry edible peas mature were 91 percent, behind 100 last year and 95 average. Harvested were 30 percent, well behind last year's 93 and 56 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 7 poor, 23 fair, 59 good, and 11 excellent.

Dry edible bean blooming was 97 percent, behind last year and average at 100. Setting pods was 79 percent, behind 100 last year and 95 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 7 poor, 42 fair, 44 good, and 4 excellent.

Sunflower blooming was 71 percent, well behind 99 last year and 86 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 57 good, and 20 excellent.

Second cutting of alfalfa hay was 77 percent complete. Alfalfa hay condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 17 fair, 54 good, and 25 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 22 fair, 54 good, and 19 excellent. Stock water supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 7 short, 80 adequate, and 13 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-08-19-2013.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&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=ND&region=HPRCC)

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

[http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM\\_state.htm?ND,HP](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?ND,HP)