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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND October 21, 2013 – For the week ending October 20, 2013, significant moisture was received across much of the state last week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This moisture either halted or significantly slowed harvest activities much of the week. A hard frost occurred over much of the state on October 15 and temperatures for the week averaged 2 to 6 degrees below normal. Livestock activities included moving cattle off pastures, weaning calves, and moving hay to winter feeding areas. Statewide, there were 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 70 adequate, and 28 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 80 adequate, and 17 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat seeding was estimated at 97 percent complete. Emerged was 77 percent. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 16 fair, 73 good, and 10 excellent.

Durum wheat harvested was 96 percent, behind last year's 100 and 100 average.

Canola harvested was 94 percent, behind last year's 100 and 100 average.

Flaxseed harvest was 84 percent complete, well behind last year's 100 and 97 average.

Lentils harvested were 96 percent, behind 100 last year and 100 average.

Sugarbeets lifted were 81 percent, near 79 last year and 82 average. Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 5 poor, 31 fair, 58 good, and 6 excellent.

Corn mature was 96 percent, behind 100 last year but ahead of 85 average. Harvest was 14 percent complete, well behind last year's 90 and 37 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 37 fair, 43 good, and 7 excellent.

Soybeans dropping leaves were 100 percent, equal to 100 last year and average. Harvest was 54 percent complete, well behind last year's 100 and 75 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 13 poor, 38 fair, 40 good, and 6 excellent.

Potatoes with vines killed were 100 percent, equal to 100 last year and average. Dug was 90 percent, behind 93 last year and 96 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 11 poor, 41 fair, 43 good, and 3 excellent.

Dry edible bean harvest was 88 percent complete, behind last year's 100 but near 87 average.

Sunflowers with bracts yellow were 100 percent, equal to 100 last year and average. Bracts brown were 95 percent, behind 100 last year and 98 average. Harvested were 5 percent, well behind 74 last year and 30 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 10 poor, 27 fair, 51 good, and 10 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 22 fair, 54 good, and 16 excellent. Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 13 fair, 71 good, and 14 excellent. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 14 fair, 77 good, and 6 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 82 adequate, and 16 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-10-21-2013.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