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# News Release

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## **NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION**

FARGO, ND December 2, 2013 –For the week ending December 1, 2013, mostly dry weather conditions last week allowed producers to make good harvest progress on remaining corn and sunflower acres, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, with some snow being received over the weekend there are some reports of corn and sunflower acres not being harvested until spring. Temperatures varied last week as they ranged from 5 degrees above normal in the southwest part of the state to 4 degrees below normal in the northeast. Statewide, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 80 adequate and 16 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 81 adequate and 14 surplus.

This is the last weekly Crop Progress and Condition report for the 2013 growing season. We would like to extend our appreciation to the dedicated county FSA and extension staff who supplied the necessary information for these reports. For December through March, we will issue monthly reports. The first monthly report (December) will be issued December 30. Weekly reports will begin April 7th for the 2014 season.

### **Field Crops Report:**

Corn harvest was 92 percent complete, well behind last year's 100, but ahead of 83 average.

Sunflowers harvested were 87 percent, well behind 100 last year and 98 average.

### **Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:**

Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 7 fair, 81 good, and 12 excellent. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 8 fair, 81 good, and 10 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 85 adequate, and 13 surplus. Hay and forage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 82 adequate, and 17 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-12-02-2013.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/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?ND>