



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND August 18, 2014 – For the week ending August 17, 2014, rain was received over the weekend across most of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Some isolated areas in the west and central parts of the State reported amounts of 4 to 5 inches, but most rainfall amounts were in the half inch to 2 inch range. The moisture was much needed for row crop development; however, small grain harvest came to a halt. Statewide, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 15 short, 73 adequate, and 10 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 11 short, 79 adequate, and 8 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat mature was 81 percent. Harvested was 26 percent. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 10 poor, 29 fair, 52 good, and 7 excellent.

Durum wheat headed rated 98 percent, near 100 for both last year and the five-year average. Turning color was 74 percent, near 72 last year and ahead of 70 average. Mature was 32 percent. Harvested was 3 percent, near 2 last year, but behind 13 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 16 fair, 75 good, and 8 excellent.

Spring wheat turning color was 86 percent, near 85 last year and equal to average. Mature was 46 percent. Harvested was 6 percent, near 8 last year, but well behind 28 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 14 fair, 63 good, and 20 excellent.

Barley turning color was 96 percent, near 93 last year and average at 95. Mature was 63 percent. Harvested was 16 percent, ahead of 11 last year, but well behind 36 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 18 fair, 65 good, and 15 excellent.

Oats turning color was 88 percent, behind 94 last year, but near 91 average. Mature was 60 percent. Harvested was 15 percent, behind 21 last year and 36 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 1 poor, 9 fair, 75 good, and 14 excellent.

Canola turning color was 80 percent, ahead of 68 last year, but near 81 average. Harvested was 1 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but behind 10 average. Conditions were 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 11 fair, 65 good, and 22 excellent.

Flaxseed turning color was 58 percent, ahead of 49 last year, but behind 63 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 16 fair, 72 good, and 10 excellent.

Dry edible peas dropping leaves were 65 percent. Harvested was 9 percent, behind 27 last year and well behind 43 average. Conditions were 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 66 good, and 11 excellent.

Dry beans blooming were 97 percent, near last year at 96 and 99 average. Setting pods was 83 percent, ahead of last year at 76, but behind 91 average. Dropping leaves was 7 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but near 5 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 26 fair, 54 good, and 12 excellent.

Potatoes at the rows filled stage was 89 percent, near 88 last year, but behind 96 average. Conditions were 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 28 fair, 53 good, and 10 excellent.

Corn silking was 95 percent, near 96 for both last year and average. Corn in the dough stage was 32 percent, ahead of 19 last year, but behind 41 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 17 fair, 56 good, and 22 excellent.

Soybeans setting pods was 88 percent, ahead of last year at 77, but near 89 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 23 fair, 56 good, and 16 excellent.

Sunflowers blooming were 77 percent, ahead of last year at 66, but near 79 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 16 fair, 70 good, and 13 excellent.

Sugarbeet conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 30 fair, 53 good, and 9 excellent.

Second cutting of alfalfa was 60 percent complete, behind last year at 75 and average at 72. Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 12 fair, 62 good, and 22 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 15 fair, 61 good, and 21 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 85 adequate, and 12 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://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2014/CropProg-08-18-2014.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/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?ND>