



# NEWS RELEASE

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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND July 21, 2014 – For the week ending July 20, 2014, despite hot conditions over the weekend, average temperatures were cooler than normal across the entire state last week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. No significant moisture was received again last week. However, most crops are still in good shape as a result of good subsoil moisture from abundant precipitation received this spring. Statewide, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 13 short, 72 adequate, and 14 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 6 short, 79 adequate, and 15 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat turning color advanced to 53 percent. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 10 poor, 32 fair, 50 good, and 6 excellent.

Durum wheat jointed was 77 percent, behind 94 last year and 93 for the five-year average. Headed rated 35 percent, well behind 74 last year and 68 average. Turning color was 5 percent, near 3 last year, but behind 10 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 17 fair, 77 good, and 5 excellent.

Spring wheat jointed was 95 percent, near last year at 94 and 98 average. Headed rated 79 percent, equal to last year, but behind 83 average. Turning color was 9 percent, near 10 last year, but behind 22 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 15 fair, 65 good, and 17 excellent.

Barley jointed advanced to 97 percent, equal to last year and near 99 average. Headed rated 81 percent, near last year at 80, but behind 85 average. Turning color was 16 percent, ahead of 8 last year, but behind 26 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 18 fair, 69 good, and 11 excellent.

Oats jointed rated 94 percent, near 96 last year and 99 average. Headed was at 77 percent, near 79 last year, but behind 83 average. Turning color was 12 percent, near 10 last year, but behind 22 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 1 poor, 9 fair, 81 good, and 8 excellent.

Canola blooming was 96 percent, ahead of 89 last year and 90 average. Turning color was 10 percent, ahead of 6 last year, but behind 15 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 63 good, and 21 excellent.

Flaxseed blooming was 74 percent, ahead of last year at 65 and 69 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 21 fair, 67 good, and 10 excellent.

Dry edible peas blooming was 86 percent, behind 88 last year and 94 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 67 good, and 9 excellent.

Dry beans blooming was 48 percent, ahead of last year at 34, but behind 52 average. Setting pods was 12 percent, ahead of last year at 2, but near 14 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 23 fair, 58 good, and 13 excellent.

Potatoes blooming was 83 percent, well ahead of last year at 53 and 74 average. Rows filled was 19 percent, ahead of 9 last year, but behind 35 average. Conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 9 poor, 26 fair, 50 good, and 10 excellent.

Corn silking was 10 percent, near 13 last year, but behind 28 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 16 fair, 59 good, and 20 excellent.

Soybeans blooming was 55 percent, ahead of 49 last year, but near 58 average. Setting pods was 7 percent, ahead of last year at 3, but behind 17 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 20 fair, 62 good, and 16 excellent.

Sunflower emerged was 97 percent. Blooming was 1 percent, near last year at 2, but behind 5 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 19 fair, 73 good, and 7 excellent.

Sugarbeet conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 29 fair, 54 good, and 10 excellent.

First cutting of alfalfa was 80 percent complete, well behind last year at 93 and 92 average. Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 9 fair, 70 good, and 18 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 12 fair, 60 good, and 25 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 81 adequate, and 18 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-07-21-2014.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&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>