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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, October 27, 2014 – For the week ending October 26, 2014, another week of warm, dry weather allowed producers to make good harvest progress, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. With temperatures averaging 9 to 12 degrees above normal and minimal rainfall across the state, fall field work was in full swing. Sunflower harvest was just beginning in the northern counties. Livestock producers were weaning and marketing calves. Statewide, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 12 short, 81 adequate, and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 8 short, 83 adequate, and 8 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat emerged was 85 percent, near 86 last year. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 1 poor, 29 fair, 61 good, and 8 excellent.

Flaxseed harvested was 95 percent, near 92 last year and 96 for the five-year average.

Dry beans harvested was 95 percent, ahead of 89 for both last year and average.

Potato harvest was 96 percent complete, equal to last year and near 98 average.

Corn mature was 93 percent, behind 99 last year, but near 90 average. Harvested was 22 percent complete, behind 30 last year and well behind 52 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 18 fair, 57 good, and 18 excellent.

Soybean harvest advanced to 93 percent complete, well ahead of 70 last year, and ahead of 78 average.

Sunflower harvest was 32 percent complete, ahead of 11 last year, but behind 38 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 19 fair, 61 good, and 13 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 21 fair, 60 good, and 12 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 3 short, 85 adequate, and 11 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-10-27-2014.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>

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