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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND September 15, 2014 – For the week ending September 14, 2014, frost was experienced over much of the state with average temperatures three to five degrees below normal, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Freezing temperatures affected late season crop development in some areas. Small grain harvest was delayed early in the week, but picked up progress later as conditions improved. Cattle remained on pastures and hay was being hauled from fields to farm sites. Statewide, there were 5.0 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, 4 short, 83 adequate, and 13 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat harvested reached 87 percent. Planting of the 2015 crop was 25 percent complete, equal to last year.

Durum wheat mature was 87 percent. Harvested was 34 percent, well behind 61 last year and 68 for the five-year average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 20 fair, 68 good, and 6 excellent.

Spring wheat mature was 97 percent. Harvested was 65 percent, well behind 86 last year and 84 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 20 fair, 59 good, and 15 excellent.

Barley harvested was 83 percent, behind 89 last year and 93 average.

Oats mature was 96 percent. Harvested was 72 percent, well behind 96 last year and 93 average.

Canola harvested was 69 percent, near 71 last year and 72 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 15 fair, 63 good, and 19 excellent.

Flaxseed harvested was 29 percent, behind 35 last year and well behind 48 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 68 good, and 8 excellent.

Dry edible peas harvested was 92 percent, near 96 last year, but behind 98 average.

Dry beans dropping leaves was 88 percent, ahead of 80 last year and 71 average. Harvested was 16 percent, behind 23 last year and 25 average. Conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 8 poor, 25 fair, 53 good, and 10 excellent.

Potatoes at the vines dry stage was 55 percent, ahead of 45 last year, but behind 61 average. Harvest was 6 percent complete, near 3 last year, but behind 15 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 27 fair, 54 good, and 11 excellent.

Corn in the dough stage was 95 percent, near 96 last year and 94 average. Dented was 59 percent, behind last year at 68 and 71 average. Mature was 2 percent, behind 8 last year and well behind 24 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 18 fair, 56 good, and 20 excellent.

Soybeans dropping leaves was 37 percent, behind 55 last year and 45 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 58 good, and 17 excellent.

Sunflowers at the ray flowers dry stage was 70 percent, behind last year at 76 and 83 average. Bracts yellow were 19 percent, behind 32 last year and well behind 50 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 18 fair, 66 good, and 13 excellent.

Sugarbeets harvested was 4 percent, near 6 last year and 7 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 28 fair, 49 good, and 15 excellent.

Second cutting of alfalfa was 88 percent complete, behind last year at 100 and average at 98. Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 13 fair, 63 good, and 20 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 14 fair, 60 good, and 22 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 83 adequate, and 15 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-09-15-2014.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>