



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND September 2, 2014 – For the week ending August 31, 2014, rain and below normal temperatures continued to slow small grain harvest, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The moisture was needed for row crop development; however, it was beginning to have a negative impact on unharvested small grain crops. Statewide, there were 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 76 adequate, and 20 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 82 adequate, and 14 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat harvested was 59 percent

Durum wheat turning color was 90 percent, near 94 last year and 93 for the five-year average. Mature was 59 percent. Harvested was 14 percent, near 17 last year, but behind 37 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 19 fair, 72 good, and 7 excellent.

Spring wheat turning color was 98 percent, near 99 last year and equal to the average. Mature was 79 percent. Harvested was 21 percent, well behind 49 last year and 60 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 60 good, and 17 excellent.

Barley mature was 96 percent. Harvested was 42 percent, behind 57 last year and well behind 72 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 21 fair, 63 good, and 12 excellent.

Oats turning color was 97 percent, near 100 last year and 99 average. Mature was 86 percent. Harvested was 37 percent, well behind 63 last year and 69 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 2 poor, 15 fair, 69 good, and 12 excellent.

Canola turning color was 96 percent, ahead of 92 last year, but equal to the average. Harvested was 18 percent, behind 35 last year and 44 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 11 fair, 67 good, and 21 excellent.

Flaxseed turning color was 90 percent, ahead of 86 last year, but equal to the average. Harvested was 3 percent, behind 11 last year and 21 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 18 fair, 71 good, and 9 excellent.

Dry edible peas dropping leaves was 95 percent. Harvested was 66 percent, behind 83 last year and 84 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 65 good, and 11 excellent.

Dry beans setting pods was 98 percent, near last year at 97 and 99 average. Dropping leaves was 50 percent, ahead of 27 last year and 37 average. Harvested was 2 percent, near 0 last year, but behind 6 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 25 fair, 56 good, and 10 excellent.

Potatoes at the rows filled stage was 98 percent, near 95 last year and 99 average. Vines dry was 7 percent, near 3 last year, but behind 24 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 27 fair, 54 good, and 11 excellent.

Corn in the dough stage was 73 percent, ahead of 69 last year, but near 75 average. Dented was 13 percent, near last year at 14, but behind 34 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 16 fair, 57 good, and 22 excellent.

Soybeans setting pods was 97 percent, equal to last year, but near 99 average. Dropping leaves was 7 percent, behind 14 last year and 11 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 59 good, and 16 excellent.

Sunflowers blooming was 97 percent, equal to last year, but near 98 average. Ray flowers dried was 34 percent, behind last year at 25 and 42 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, 28 fair, 50 good, and 14 excellent.

Second cutting of alfalfa was 74 percent complete, behind last year at 96 and average at 91. Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 13 fair, 62 good, and 21 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 13 fair, 62 good, and 22 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 84 adequate, and 14 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-09-02-2014.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>