



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND September 29, 2014 – For the week ending September 28, 2014, producers made significant harvest progress as drier and warmer conditions were experienced across most of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures averaged 9 to 15 degrees above normal. The week was dry, with the exception of Sunday, when some areas received limited rainfall. Statewide, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 6 short, 84 adequate, and 10 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 85 adequate, and 10 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planting was 76 percent complete, ahead of last year at 69 percent. Emerged was 20 percent, behind 27 last year.

Durum wheat harvested was 78 percent complete, behind 82 last year and 88 for the five-year average.

Spring wheat harvested was 91 percent, near 94 last year, but behind 96 average.

Barley harvest neared completion with 97 percent harvested, near 99 for both last year and average.

Oats harvested was 95 percent, behind 100 last year and 99 average.

Canola harvest was 93 percent complete, ahead of 85 last year and near 91 average.

Flaxseed harvested was 71 percent, ahead of 63 last year, but near 74 average.

Lentils harvest advanced to 74 percent complete, well behind last year at 93 and 97 average.

Dry beans harvested was 47 percent, behind 51 last year and 54 average. Conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 6 poor, 30 fair, 53 good, and 8 excellent.

Potatoes at the vines dry stage was 88 percent, ahead of 83 last year, but near 89 average. Harvest was 34 percent complete, near 32 last year, but behind 46 average. Conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 5 poor, 26 fair, 55 good, and 11 excellent.

Corn dented was 90 percent, behind last year at 95, but near 93 average. Mature was 30 percent, well behind 47 last year and 55 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 19 fair, 54 good, and 19 excellent.

Soybeans dropping leaves was 88 percent, behind 92 last year, but near 89 average. Harvested was 9 percent, near 12 last year, but behind 24 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 60 good, and 15 excellent.

Sunflowers at the ray flowers dry stage was 91 percent, near last year at 94, but behind 98 average. Bracts yellow were 66 percent, near 67 last year, but behind 85 average. Bracts brown were 28 percent, near 26 last year, but well behind 49 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 63 good, and 13 excellent.

Sugarbeets harvested was 9 percent, near 12 last year, but behind 15 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 29 fair, 50 good, and 13 excellent.

Second cutting of alfalfa was 96 percent complete, near last year and average at 100. 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, 3 poor, 15 fair, 62 good, and 20 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 85 adequate, and 13 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-09-29-2014.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>