



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND October 6, 2014 – For the week ending October 5, 2014, much of the State received a hard freeze which ended the growing season for remaining crops, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average temperatures were two to eight degrees below normal across much of the state. Rain either slowed or halted harvest activities in many areas, especially in the west where an inch or more was received. Livestock activities included weaning calves. Statewide, there were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 7 short, 84 adequate, and 9 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 86 adequate, and 9 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planting was 89 percent complete. Emerged was 37 percent.

Durum wheat harvest was 85 percent complete, behind 94 for the five-year average.

Spring wheat harvested was 95 percent, near 98 average.

Canola harvest was 95 percent complete, near 96 average.

Flaxseed harvested was 75 percent, behind 84 average.

Lentils harvest advanced to 79 percent complete, well behind 99 average.

Dry beans harvested was 62 percent, behind 71 average. Conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 7 poor, 31 fair, 51 good, and 8 excellent.

Potatoes at the vines dry stage was 97 percent, near 95 average. Harvest was 57 percent complete, behind 66 average. Conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 5 poor, 27 fair, 54 good, and 11 excellent.

Corn dented was 95 percent, near 96 average. Mature was 57 percent, behind 69 average. Harvest began with 1 percent completed, behind 14 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 20 fair, 53 good, and 19 excellent.

Soybeans dropping leaves was 95 percent, near 97 average. Harvest advanced to 31 percent complete, behind 45 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 60 good, and 15 excellent.

Sunflowers at the ray flowers dry stage was 98 percent, near 99 average. Bracts yellow were 89 percent, behind 94 average. Bracts brown were 55 percent, behind 71 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 62 good, and 13 excellent.

Sugarbeets harvested was 52 percent, ahead of 30 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 29 fair, 50 good, and 13 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 16 fair, 60 good, and 19 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 85 adequate, and 13 surplus.

Note: Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

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-10-06-2014.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>