



# News Release

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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, November 17, 2014 – For the week ending November 16, 2014, progress was slow, but harvest of corn and sunflowers continued as weather permitted, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Varying amounts of snowfall were reported last week with temperatures averaging 15 to 25 degrees below normal, putting an end to fall tillage activities. Livestock producers continued weaning or marketing calves. Some producers moved livestock to harvested corn fields when possible, while others were prompted to start supplemental feeding. Statewide, there were 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 15 short, 78 adequate, and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 9 short, 83 adequate, and 7 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 32 fair, 58 good, and 7 excellent.

Corn harvest advanced to 85 percent complete, ahead of 76 for both last year and the five-year average.

Sunflower harvest was 82 percent complete, well ahead of 60 last year, but near 81 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 8 poor, 25 fair, 55 good, and 11 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 83 adequate, and 10 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-11-17-2014.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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