



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, November 24, 2014 – For the week ending November 23, 2014, dry conditions and below average temperatures dominated the week, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The dry weather allowed corn and sunflower harvest to continue, but at a slower pace due to the cold conditions. Producers expressed concern over the lack of snow cover needed to protect crops. The cold weather caused some producers to start using supplemental feed for their cattle herds. Statewide, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 17 short, 76 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 92 percent complete, ahead of 85 last year and 81 for the five-year average.

Sunflower harvest was 86 percent complete, ahead of 76 last year, but behind 92 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 25 fair, 55 good, and 10 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-11-24-2014.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>

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