



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, December 1, 2014 – For the week ending November 30, 2014, extremely cold temperatures over the entire state halted most fieldwork activities, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Some producers did harvest corn in the southern part of the state as weather permitted, but not much progress was made. Several inches of snow were received in the western part of the state which provided good cover for winter wheat. However, the lack of snow cover in combination with the sub-zero temperatures caused concerns for the winter wheat crop in the remaining areas of the state. Livestock producers continued hauling hay and allowing herds to graze corn stalks where possible. Statewide, there were 2.5 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, 10 short, 81 adequate, and 8 surplus.

This is the last weekly Crop Progress and Condition report for the 2014 growing season. We would like to extend our appreciation to the dedicated county FSA and extension staff who supplied the necessary information for these reports. For December through March, we will issue monthly reports. The first monthly report (December) will be issued January 5, 2015. Weekly reports will begin April 6th for the 2015 season.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 29 fair, 61 good, and 6 excellent.

Corn harvest advanced to 95 percent complete, ahead of 91 last year and 87 for the five-year average.

Sunflower harvest was 91 percent complete, ahead of 86 last year, but behind 96 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 24 fair, 56 good, and 9 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 5 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 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

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