



# News Release

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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, April 27, 2015 – For the week ending April 26, 2015, cool temperatures prevailed with averages two to eight degrees below normal, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Up to half an inch of moisture was received over much of the western third of the State. Many of the remaining areas were still dry with some producers planting into dry soils. Others were waiting for warmer conditions to plant their crops and hoping for rain to help seed germination. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 29 short, 64 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 21 short, 74 adequate, and 3 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 9 poor, 38 fair, 48 good, and 4 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 11 percent, ahead of 0 last year.

Durum wheat planted was 11 percent, ahead of last year at 1, but near the five-year average at 9.

Spring wheat planted rated 41 percent, well ahead of 3 last year and 18 average. Emerged was 3 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but near 4 average.

Barley planted rated 30 percent, well ahead of 2 last year and 12 average. Emerged was 2 percent, ahead of 0 last year, and equal to average.

Oats planted at 30 percent was well ahead of 3 last year and 13 average. Emerged was 3 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but near 2 average.

Corn planted was 9 percent, ahead of 0 last year, and equal to average.

Soybeans planted was 1 percent, ahead of 0 last year, and equal to average.

Canola planted was 6 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but near 4 average.

Flaxseed planted was 1 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but behind 4 average.

Dry edible peas planted was 21 percent complete, ahead of 2 last year and 12 average.

Potatoes planted was 15 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 12 average.

Sugarbeets planted reached 82 percent, well ahead of last year at 4 and 32 average.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 10 fair, 73 good, and 16 excellent. Calving was 77 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 45 average, and 55 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 13 fair, 72 good, and 14 excellent. Lambing was 87 percent complete. Shearing was 89 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 54 average, and 46 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 81 adequate, and 16 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 8 short, 82 adequate, and 9 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/2015/CropProg-04-27-2015.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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