



# News Release

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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, August 24, 2015 – For the week ending August 23, 2015, heavy wind and cool temperatures of six to eight degrees below normal were received in many areas, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rain up to an inch covered most of the State. Crops continued to progress while small grain harvest was ongoing. There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 35 short, 55 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 28 short, 65 adequate, and 4 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 29 fair, 52 good, and 11 excellent. Winter wheat mature was 98 percent, well ahead of 76 last year. Harvested was 71 percent, well ahead of 23 last year.

Durum wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 16 fair, 64 good, and 19 excellent. Durum wheat coloring was 92 percent, well ahead of 70 last year and the five-year average of 69. Mature was 62 percent, well ahead of 28 last year. Harvested was 13 percent, ahead of 3 last year, but near 12 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 16 fair, 63 good, and 19 excellent. Spring wheat mature was 92 percent, well ahead of 42 last year. Harvested was 45 percent, well ahead of 5 last year, and ahead of 26 average.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 18 fair, 66 good, and 14 excellent. Barley mature was 97 percent, well ahead of 59 last year. Harvested was 72 percent, well ahead of 14 last year and 35 average.

Oats condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 14 fair, 67 good, and 14 excellent. Oats mature was 94 percent, well ahead of 56 last year. Harvested was 52 percent, well ahead of 13 last year, and ahead of 34 average.

Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 18 fair, 62 good, and 14 excellent. Corn silking was 99 percent, ahead of 94 last year, but near 97 average. Dough was 57 percent, well ahead of 29 last year, and ahead of 44 average. Dented was 3 percent, near 0 last year and 7 average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 20 fair, 61 good, and 13 excellent. Soybeans setting pods was 94 percent, ahead of 86 last year and 89 average. Dropping leaves was 10 percent, ahead of 0 both last year and the average.

Canola condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 68 good, and 13 excellent. Canola coloring was 93 percent, ahead of 78 last year and 82 average. Harvested was 19 percent, ahead of 1 last year and 9 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 8 poor, 19 fair, 65 good, and 8 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 94 percent, well ahead of 72 last year, and ahead of 78 average. Ray flowers dry was 11 percent.

Flaxseed condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 16 fair, 75 good, and 8 excellent. Flaxseed coloring was 94 percent, well ahead of 55 last year and 61 average. Harvested was 7 percent.

Dry edible peas condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 67 good, and 14 excellent. Dry edible peas dropping leaves was 97 percent, well ahead of 58 last year. Harvested was 70 percent, well ahead of 8 last year and 37 average.

Dry edible beans condition rated 2 percent very poor, 10 poor, 22 fair, 54 good, and 12 excellent. Dry edible beans blooming was 97 percent, equal to last year, but near 98 average. Setting pods was 87 percent, ahead of 80 last year, but near 88 average. Dropping leaves was 27 percent, well ahead of 6 last year and 5 average.

Lentils harvested was 61 percent.

Potatoes condition rated 3 percent very poor, 5 poor, 28 fair, 51 good, and 13 excellent. Potatoes rows filled was 100 percent, ahead of 87 last year and 94 average. Vines dry was 13 percent.

Alfalfa condition rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 32 fair, 48 good, and 9 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 85 percent, well ahead of 57 last year, and ahead of 70 average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 16 fair, 54 good, and 28 excellent. Sugarbeets harvested was 1 percent, equal to last year and the average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 33 fair, 52 good, and 8 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 13 short, 80 adequate, and 6 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-08-17-2015.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:  
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