



# News Release

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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, August 24, 2015 – For the week ending August 23, 2015, strong winds and cool temperatures of six to eight degrees below normal were received in many areas, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Much needed rain of up to an inch covered most of the State, aiding crop development. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 27 short, 65 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 27 short, 66 adequate, and 5 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat harvested was 87 percent, well ahead of 38 last year.

Durum wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 17 fair, 63 good, and 19 excellent. Durum wheat coloring was 99 percent, ahead of 83 last year and the five-year average of 85. Mature was 80 percent, well ahead of 47 last year. Harvested was 37 percent, well ahead of 8 last year, and ahead of 23 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 16 fair, 64 good, and 18 excellent. Spring wheat mature was 98 percent, well ahead of 61 last year. Harvested was 70 percent, well ahead of 9 last year and 41 average.

Barley harvested was 89 percent, well ahead of 25 last year and 53 average.

Oats mature was 98 percent, well ahead of 72 last year. Harvested was 78 percent, well ahead of 26 last year and 52 average.

Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 19 fair, 61 good, and 13 excellent. Corn dough was 79 percent, well ahead of 53 last year, and ahead of 67 average. Dented was 20 percent, ahead of 2 last year, but near 18 average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 20 fair, 61 good, and 12 excellent. Soybeans setting pods was 98 percent, ahead of 93 last year, but near 95 average. Dropping leaves was 19 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 2 average.

Canola condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 20 fair, 65 good, and 13 excellent. Canola coloring was 97 percent, ahead of 90 last year and 92 average. Harvested was 33 percent, well ahead of 7 last year, and ahead of 23 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 8 poor, 20 fair, 64 good, and 8 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 99 percent, ahead of 90 last year and 92 average. Ray flowers dried was 29 percent, well ahead of 3 last year, and ahead of 19 average. Bracts turning yellow was 4 percent.

Flaxseed condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 17 fair, 74 good, and 8 excellent. Flaxseed coloring was 99 percent, well ahead of 76 last year and 79 average. Harvested was 21 percent, well ahead of 1 last year, and ahead of 11 average.

Dry edible peas harvested was 91 percent, well ahead of 31 last year and 62 average.

Dry edible beans condition rated 3 percent very poor, 12 poor, 26 fair, 52 good, and 7 excellent. Dry edible beans setting pods was 96 percent, ahead of 89 last year, but near 94 average. Dropping leaves was 50 percent, well ahead of 25 last year and 20 average. Harvested was 3 percent.

Lentils harvested was 67 percent.

Potato condition rated 3 percent very poor, 7 poor, 26 fair, 54 good, and 10 excellent. Potatoes vines dry was 18 percent.

Alfalfa condition rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 32 fair, 49 good, and 8 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 91 percent, well ahead of 65 last year, and ahead of 81 average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 19 fair, 56 good, and 23 excellent. Sugarbeets harvested was 3 percent, near 1 last year and 2 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 33 fair, 52 good, and 7 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 14 short, 79 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-08-24-2015.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:  
<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:  
<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?ND>