



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, August 3, 2015 – For the week ending August 2, 2015, strong winds over the northern half of the State caused varying amounts of damage to small grains last week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Lodging and head loss were reported in these areas, but the extent of the damage will not be known until the fields are harvested. There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 19 short, 71 adequate, and 9 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 12 short, 81 adequate, and 6 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 30 fair, 52 good, and 10 excellent. Winter wheat coloring was 98 percent, ahead of 88 last year. Mature was 66 percent, well ahead of 14 last year. Harvested was 14 percent.

Durum wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 16 fair, 64 good, and 19 excellent. Durum wheat headed was 97 percent, well ahead of 68 last year, and ahead of the five-year average of 85. Coloring was 63 percent, well ahead of 22 last year and 32 average. Mature was 10 percent, ahead of 0 last year.

Spring wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 16 fair, 63 good, and 18 excellent. Spring wheat coloring was 88 percent, well ahead of 47 last year and 56 average. Mature was 40 percent, well ahead of 5 last year.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 16 fair, 69 good, and 13 excellent. Barley coloring was 94 percent, well ahead of 58 last year and 64 average. Mature was 45 percent, well ahead of 8 last year.

Oats condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 14 fair, 67 good, and 14 excellent. Oats coloring was 92 percent, well ahead of 53 last year and 58 average. Mature was 50 percent, well ahead of 7 last year.

Corn condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 15 fair, 68 good, and 13 excellent. Corn silking was 85 percent, well ahead of 61 last year, and ahead of 77 average.

Soybean condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 15 fair, 67 good, and 14 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 95 percent, ahead of 89 last year and 90 average. Setting pods was 73 percent, ahead of 54 last year and 60 average.

Canola condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 65 good, and 16 excellent. Canola coloring was 66 percent, well ahead of 41 last year, and ahead of 49 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 8 poor, 19 fair, 65 good, and 8 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 53 percent, well ahead of 18 last year and 30 average.

Flaxseed condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 16 fair, 75 good, and 8 excellent. Flaxseed coloring was 48 percent, well ahead of 14 last year and 23 average.

Dry edible peas condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 16 fair, 68 good, and 15 excellent. Dry edible peas dropping leaves was 81 percent. Harvested was 10 percent.

Dry edible beans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 20 fair, 58 good, and 14 excellent. Dry edible beans blooming was 86 percent, ahead of 79 last year, but near 87 average. Setting pods was 59 percent, ahead of 42 last year, but near 55 average.

Lentils harvested was 2 percent.

Potatoes condition rated 3 percent very poor, 5 poor, 25 fair, 50 good, and 17 excellent. Potatoes rows filled was 83 percent, well ahead of 50 last year, and ahead of 70 average. Vines dry was 5 percent.

Alfalfa condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 28 fair, 52 good, and 10 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 58 percent, well ahead of 25 last year and 38 average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 55 good, and 26 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 26 fair, 58 good, and 11 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 8 short, 83 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-08-03-2015.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®ion=HPRCC

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