NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, November 2, 2015 – For the week ending November 1, 2015, rainfall slowed corn and sunflower harvest progress in many areas of the State, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, producers were able to work around the rain somewhat and were close to finishing up their harvest. The recent rain did improve the condition of the winter wheat crop. Many farmers are applying anhydrous and preparing their equipment for winter storage. Livestock producers were busy hauling hay, moving cattle, and weaning calves. Temperatures for the week averaged one to four degrees above normal across much of the State. There were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 22 short, 70 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 26 short, 66 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 25 fair, 69 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat emerged was 93 percent, near 91 last year.

Corn harvested was 83 percent, well ahead of 44 last year, and ahead of 69 for the five-year average.

Sunflowers harvested was 70 percent, ahead of 51 last year and 56 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 15 poor, 39 fair, 40 good, and 3 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 19 short, 76 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and NDSU Extension Service.


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