



# News Release

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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, October 13, 2015 – For the week ending October 11, 2015, favorable weather conditions allowed producers to make good harvest progress, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, persistent dry conditions combined with warmer than normal temperatures and high winds have depleted soil moisture in many areas of the State. Strong winds over the weekend caused some damage to corn and sunflowers. Livestock producers are busy hauling hay, moving cattle, and weaning calves. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 30 short, 63 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 28 short, 66 adequate, and 2 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat planted was 95 percent, near 93 last year. Emerged was 62 percent, ahead of 56 last year.

Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 21 fair, 60 good, and 11 excellent. Corn mature was 92 percent, ahead of 73 last year and 85 for the five-year average. Harvested was 15 percent, ahead of 2 last year, but behind 22 average.

Soybean condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 26 fair, 55 good, and 9 excellent. Soybeans harvested was 86 percent, well ahead of 59 last year, and ahead of 69 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 7 poor, 20 fair, 66 good, and 7 excellent. Sunflowers bracts turning brown was 94 percent, ahead of 78 last year and 85 average. Harvested was 14 percent, ahead of 2 last year, but equal to average.

Potatoes harvested was 89 percent, ahead of 84 last year and 81 average.

Sugarbeets harvested was 92 percent, near 90 last year, but well ahead of 58 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 13 poor, 39 fair, 44 good, and 3 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 20 short, 75 adequate, and 3 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-10-13-2015.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>

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