



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, September 21, 2015 – For the week ending September 20, 2015, temperatures ranged from two to six degrees above normal across the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Up to one inch of rain was received –in the western part of the State. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 29 short, 63 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 28 short, 67 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 52 percent, ahead of 47 last year.

Durum wheat harvested was 95 percent, well ahead of 52 last year, and ahead of 76 for the five-year average.

Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 8 poor, 22 fair, 57 good, and 12 excellent. Corn dented was 91 percent, ahead of 77 last year, but near 89 average. Mature was 27 percent, ahead of 8 last year, but behind 38 average.

Soybean condition rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 26 fair, 54 good, and 9 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 85 percent, well ahead of 63 last year, and ahead of 72 average. Harvested was 10 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but equal to the average.

Canola harvested was 90 percent, ahead of 82 last year, but near 87 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 9 poor, 20 fair, 63 good, and 8 excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dried was 95 percent, ahead of 82 last year, but near 91 average. Bracts turning yellow was 76 percent, well ahead of 33 last year, and ahead of 64 average. Bracts turning brown was 41 percent.

Flaxseed harvested was 86 percent, well ahead of 47 last year and 63 average.

Dry edible beans condition rated 3 percent very poor, 13 poor, 29 fair, 48 good, and 7 excellent. Dry edible beans dropping leaves was 97 percent, near 94 last year and 93 average. Harvested was 72 percent, well ahead of 27 last year and 43 average.

Lentils harvested was 94 percent, well ahead of 45 last year, and ahead of 83 average.

Potato condition rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 27 fair, 53 good, and 9 excellent. Potatoes vines dry was 81 percent, ahead of 77 both last year and average. Harvested was 32 percent, ahead of 20 last year, but near 28 average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 14 fair, 53 good, and 31 excellent. Sugarbeets harvested was 15 percent, ahead of 6 last year and 10 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 10 poor, 39 fair, 47 good, and 3 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 18 short, 77 adequate, and 4 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-09-21-2015.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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