



# News Release

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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, August 31, 2015 – For the week ending August 30, 2015, average temperatures ranged between two to six degrees above normal in the northwest and two to six degrees below normal in the southeast, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Little moisture was received last week, which was beneficial for harvesting small grains. However, humid conditions toward the end of the week limited the amount of combining that could be done. There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 31 short, 61 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 28 short, 66 adequate, and 3 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat harvested was 95 percent, well ahead of 56 last year.

Durum wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 20 fair, 64 good, and 15 excellent. Durum wheat mature was 95 percent, well ahead of 58 last year. Harvested was 63 percent, well ahead of 13 last year and 36 average.

Spring wheat harvested was 85 percent, well ahead of 19 last year and 58 average.

Barley harvested was 95 percent, well ahead of 40 last year and 69 average.

Oats harvested was 90 percent, well ahead of 36 last year and 66 average.

Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 21 fair, 58 good, and 13 excellent. Corn dough was 91 percent, well ahead of 71 last year, and ahead of 82 average. Dented was 50 percent, well ahead of 11 last year, and ahead of 34 average.

Soybean condition rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 23 fair, 57 good, and 11 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 31 percent, well ahead of 6 last year and 11 average.

Canola condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 63 good, and 14 excellent. Canola harvested was 55 percent, well ahead of 17 last year, and ahead of 43 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 8 poor, 21 fair, 63 good, and 8 excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dried was 62 percent, well ahead of 30 last year and 41 average. Bracts turning yellow was 15 percent.

Flaxseed condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 17 fair, 73 good, and 9 excellent. Flaxseed harvested was 45 percent, well ahead of 3 last year and 20 average.

Dry edible peas harvested was 96 percent, well ahead of 62 last year, and ahead of 81 average.

Dry edible beans condition rated 3 percent very poor, 12 poor, 26 fair, 52 good, and 7 excellent. Dry edible beans dropping leaves was 69 percent, well ahead of 47 last year and 44 average. Harvested was 11 percent, ahead of 2 last year and 5 average.

Lentils harvested was 82 percent.

Potato condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 26 fair, 54 good, and 10 excellent. Potatoes vines dry was 26 percent, well ahead of 6 last year, and ahead of 21 average. Harvested was 2 percent.

Alfalfa condition rated 2 percent very poor, 10 poor, 32 fair, 48 good, and 8 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 95 percent, well ahead of 73 last year, and ahead of 88 average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 19 fair, 55 good, and 24 excellent. Sugarbeets harvested was 5 percent, near 1 last year and 3 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 8 poor, 35 fair, 50 good, and 6 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 16 short, 79 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-08-31-2015.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>