



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, November 30, 2015 – For the week ending November 29, 2015, cold temperatures froze the ground surface, allowing producers to harvest remaining corn and sunflower acres, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, the frozen ground did halt tillage activities. The lack of snow cover has winter wheat producers concerned about their crop being exposed to the cold temperatures. Livestock continued to graze crop residue due to the lack of snow cover. Temperatures were above normal in the east, but four to eight degrees below normal in the west. There were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 21 short, 72 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 25 short, 69 adequate, and 3 surplus.

This is the last weekly Crop Progress and Condition report for the 2015 growing season. We would like to extend our appreciation to the dedicated county FSA and extension staff who supplied the necessary information for these reports. For December through March, we will issue monthly reports. The first monthly report (for December) will be issued January 4, 2016. Weekly reports will begin April 4th for the 2016 season.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 26 fair, 69 good, and 2 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 13 poor, 41 fair, 41 good, and 2 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 18 short, 77 adequate, and 2 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-11-30-2015.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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