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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**Fargo, ND** – For the week ending July 17, 2016, average temperatures were two to six degrees below normal, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Moisture fell across much of the State as amounts ranged from half an inch to two inches. Isolated hail was received with these storms and caused varying amounts of crop damage. Producers were busy preparing equipment for harvest of small grains. The recent rain was beneficial to pastures and replenished water supplies in dams and ponds. However, there were some reports in the western part of the State of poor water quality for livestock. There were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 11 short, 71 adequate, and 16 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 15 short, 70 adequate, and 12 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 20 fair, 64 good, and 8 excellent. Winter wheat coloring was 86 percent, ahead of 69 last year. Harvested was 5 percent, ahead of 0 last year.

Durum wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 11 fair, 71 good, and 16 excellent. Durum wheat headed was 92 percent, ahead of 73 last year, and well ahead of 56 for the five-year average. Coloring was 29 percent, well ahead of 8 both last year and average.

Spring wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 20 fair, 64 good, and 9 excellent. Spring wheat coloring was 51 percent, ahead of 34 last year, and well ahead of 21 average.

Barley condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 16 fair, 69 good, and 11 excellent. Barley coloring was 64 percent, well ahead of 35 last year and 24 average.

Oats condition rated 3 percent very poor, 9 poor, 20 fair, 63 good, and 5 excellent. Oats headed was 97 percent, near 94 last year, and well ahead of 77 average. Coloring was 57 percent, well ahead of 37 last year and 23 average.

Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 17 fair, 63 good, and 15 excellent. Corn silking was 25 percent, ahead of 14 last year and 18 average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 22 fair, 61 good, and 11 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 67 percent, near 65 last year, and ahead of 49 average. Setting pods were 19 percent, near 17 last year, and ahead of 11 average.

Canola condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 18 fair, 69 good, and 10 excellent. Canola coloring was 41 percent, well ahead of 14 last year and 12 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 24 fair, 65 good, and 5 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 13 percent, ahead of 6 last year and 4 average.

Flaxseed condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 14 fair, 77 good, and 5 excellent. Flaxseed blooming was 91 percent, ahead of 85 last year, and well ahead of 64 average. Coloring was 6 percent, near 10 last year.

Dry peas condition rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 13 fair, 70 good, and 11 excellent. Dry peas dropping leaves was 20 percent, ahead of 11 last year. Harvested was 5 percent.

Dry edible beans condition rated 6 percent very poor, 7 poor, 25 fair, 51 good, and 11 excellent. Dry edible beans blooming was 50 percent, ahead of 39 both last year and average. Setting pods was 10 percent, ahead of 1 last year, but near 9 average.

Potatoes condition rated 8 percent very poor, 10 poor, 35 fair, 36 good, and 11 excellent. Potatoes blooming was 90 percent, ahead of 82 last year, and well ahead of 64 average. Rows filled was 30 percent, near 33 last year, and ahead of 21 average.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 7 percent very poor, 15 poor, 32 fair, 42 good, and 4 excellent. Alfalfa hay first cutting was 96 percent complete, ahead of 87 last year and 85 average. Second cutting was 24 percent, ahead of 12 last year.

Sugarbeets condition rated 3 percent very poor, 3 poor, 29 fair, 53 good, and 12 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 10 poor, 26 fair, 54 good, and 6 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 17 short, 73 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/2016/CropProg-07-18-2016.pdf>

*Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:*

<http://www.hpcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

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