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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Fargo, ND – For the week ending October 16, 2016, rainfall across northern counties ranged from one-tenth to one-half an inch, slowing harvest progress, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average temperatures last week ranged from four to six degrees below normal in the north central part of the State to four to six degrees above normal in the extreme southwest. In areas where the weather cooperated, producers made good progress harvesting row crops. However, some producers were still waiting for drier conditions. There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 11 short, 74 adequate, and 13 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 12 short, 71 adequate, and 14 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 16 fair, 61 good, and 19 excellent. Corn mature was 94 percent, near 96 last year, but ahead of 89 for the five-year average. Harvested was 21 percent, behind 31 last year and 33 average.

Soybeans harvested was 86 percent, behind 92 last year, but ahead of 79 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 23 fair, 66 good, and 6 excellent. Sunflowers bracts turning yellow was 98 percent. Bracts turning brown was 94 percent, near 97 last year, but equal to average. Harvested was 23 percent, near 26 last year, but equal to average.

Dry edible beans harvested was 88 percent.

Potatoes harvested was 79 percent, behind 93 last year and 89 average.

Sugarbeets harvested was 81 percent, behind 97 last year, but near 79 average.

Winter wheat planted was 92 percent, behind 97 last year. Emerged was 78 percent, ahead of 72 last year.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 12 poor, 30 fair, 49 good, and 4 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 18 short, 75 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/2016/CropProg-10-17-2016.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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