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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, N.D. August 28, 2017 - For the week ending August 27, 2017, small grain harvest continued over much of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall was limited and temperatures averaged slightly below normal across North Dakota. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 36 short, 47 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 17 percent very short, 37 short, 45 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 5 percent very poor, 13 poor, 32 fair, 46 good, and 4 excellent. Corn dough was 73 percent, behind 82 last year and 78 for the five-year average. Dented was 18 percent, well behind 38 last year, and behind 31 average. Mature was 1 percent, equal to last year, and near 2 average.

Soybean condition rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 33 fair, 47 good, and 4 excellent. Soybeans setting pods was 94 percent, near 97 both last year and average. Dropping leaves was 13 percent, near 12 both last year and average.

Winter wheat harvested was 93 percent complete.

Spring wheat mature was 98 percent. Harvested was 71 percent, behind 79 last year, but ahead of 61 average.

Barley harvested was 88 percent, equal to last year, but ahead of 71 average.

Oats harvested was 85 percent, near 89 last year, but ahead of 71 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 7 percent very poor, 18 poor, 42 fair, 33 good, and 0 excellent. Sunflower ray flowers dried was 43 percent, well behind 63 last year, but equal to average. Bracts turning yellow was 14 percent. Bracts turning brown was 1 percent.

Dry edible beans condition rated 6 percent very poor, 15 poor, 25 fair, 51 good, and 3 excellent. Dry edible beans setting pods was 96 percent. Dropping leaves was 42 percent, behind 47 last year, and near 44 average.

Durum wheat condition rated 13 percent very poor, 35 poor, 42 fair, 10 good, and 0 excellent. Durum wheat mature was 82 percent, near 85 last year. Harvested was 38 percent.

Canola condition rated 10 percent very poor, 18 poor, 27 fair, 35 good, and 10 excellent. Canola harvested was 43 percent, behind 53 last year, but near 41 average.

Flaxseed condition rated 19 percent very poor, 26 poor, 37 fair, 17 good, and 1 excellent. Flaxseed coloring was 95 percent, near 97 last year. Harvested was 28 percent, behind 35 last year, but near 26 average.

Dry edible peas harvested was 85 percent, behind 95 last year, but near 82 average.

Potato condition rated 5 percent very poor, 14 poor, 28 fair, 47 good, and 6 excellent. Potatoes rows closed was 94 percent. Vines dry was 22 percent, behind 28 last year.

Alfalfa condition rated 33 percent very poor, 32 poor, 27 fair, 8 good, and 0 excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was 89 percent complete, near 87 both last year and average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 7 fair, 30 good, and 62 excellent. Sugarbeets harvested was 3 percent, near 4 last year, and equal to average.

Lentils harvested was 48 percent complete.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 26 percent very poor, 36 poor, 29 fair, 9 good, and 0 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 20 percent very short, 36 short, 43 adequate, and 1 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/2017/CropProg-08-28-2017.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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