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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, N.D. September 25, 2017 – For the week ending September 24, 2017, significant rainfall was received over much of the State, which delayed most harvest activities, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Moisture amounts ranged from over an inch in the western part of the State, to over three inches in the east. Livestock producers were busy hauling hay and moving livestock to fall pastures. Temperatures were variable, averaging two to six degrees below normal in the western part of the State, to two to six degrees above normal in the east. There were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 28 short, 59 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 14 percent very short, 33 short, 51 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 5 percent very poor, 11 poor, 31 fair, 45 good, and 8 excellent. Corn dented was 88 percent, behind 94 last year and 93 for the five-year average. Mature was 30 percent, well behind 56 last year, and behind 48 average. Harvested was 1 percent, near 3 last year, and behind 6 average.

Soybean condition rated 4 percent very poor, 11 poor, 33 fair, 47 good, and 5 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 88 percent, near 85 last year and 87 average. Harvested was 9 percent, near 11 last year, and behind 21 average.

Winter wheat planted was 52 percent, near 51 last year. Emerged was 12 percent, near 11 last year.

Sunflowers condition rated 9 percent very poor, 13 poor, 39 fair, 37 good, and 2 excellent. Sunflower ray flowers dried was 95 percent, near 94 last year. Bracts turning yellow was 84 percent, near 82 last year, and ahead of 74 average. Bracts turning brown was 48 percent, near 50 last year.

Dry edible beans condition rated 3 percent very poor, 11 poor, 25 fair, 50 good, and 11 excellent. Dry edible beans harvested was 58 percent, near 55 last year and 61 average.

Canola harvested was 95 percent, near 93 last year and 91 average.

Flaxseed harvested was 91 percent, equal to last year, but ahead of 79 average.

Potato condition rated 3 percent very poor, 11 poor, 23 fair, 51 good, and 12 excellent. Potatoes vines dry was 92 percent, near 91 last year, and ahead of 85 average. Harvested was 47 percent, well ahead of 26 last year, and ahead of 35 average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 6 fair, 25 good, and 67 excellent. Sugarbeets harvested was 12 percent, equal to last year, and near 13 average.

Lentils harvested was 97 percent, near 95 last year, and ahead of 89 average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 27 percent very poor, 30 poor, 32 fair, 10 good, and 1 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 18 percent very short, 34 short, 47 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-09-25-2017.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/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?ND>

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