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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, N.D. October 2, 2017 – For the week ending October 1, 2017, most harvest activities were either slowed or halted due to cool, wet conditions, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall amounts ranged from a quarter of an inch in the west to over an inch in the east, while extreme eastern and western areas received rainfall amounts that halted harvests. Livestock producers were busy hauling hay, moving herds to fall pastures, and chopping corn for silage. There were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 24 short, 63 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 29 short, 55 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 6 percent very poor, 10 poor, 26 fair, 51 good, and 7 excellent. Corn dented was 93 percent, behind 98 last year, and near 97 for the five-year average. Mature was 47 percent, well behind 74 last year and 67 average. Harvested was 2 percent, near 6 last year, and behind 11 average.

Soybean condition rated 5 percent very poor, 11 poor, 31 fair, 49 good, and 4 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 93 percent, near 96 both last year and average. Harvested was 18 percent, well behind 41 last year and 43 average.

Winter wheat planted was 72 percent, near 69 last year. Emerged was 32 percent, behind 38 last year.

Sunflowers condition rated 6 percent very poor, 13 poor, 39 fair, 40 good, and 2 excellent. Sunflower bracts turning yellow was 94 percent, near 91 last year, and ahead of 87 average. Bracts turning brown was 65 percent, behind 71 last year, but near 62 average. Harvested was 2 percent, near 4 last year and 6 average.

Dry edible beans harvested was 71 percent, near 68 last year and 73 average.

Flaxseed harvested was 93 percent, near 95 last year, but ahead of 86 average.

Potatoes vines dry was 93 percent, near 96 last year. Harvested was 57 percent, ahead of 47 last year, and near 55 average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 6 fair, 25 good, and 67 excellent. Sugarbeets harvested was 23 percent, near 20 last year and 25 average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 22 percent very poor, 27 poor, 37 fair, 13 good, and 1 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 15 percent very short, 29 short, 55 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-10-02-2017.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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