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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. October 23, 2017** – For the week ending October 22, 2017, warm, dry conditions across the State allowed producers to make significant harvest progress, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. A small area in central North Dakota did receive some moisture, but not enough to slow down harvest or other fall activities. Livestock producers were busy marketing spring calves and preparing to wean calves for backgrounding. Temperatures across the State were warmer, averaging six to twelve degrees above normal. There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 11 percent very short, 29 short, 57 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 30 short, 55 adequate, and 2 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 5 percent very poor, 10 poor, 26 fair, 51 good, and 8 excellent. Corn mature was 93 percent, near 97 last year and 96 for the five-year average. Harvested was 17 percent, behind 36 last year, and well behind 43 average.

Soybeans harvested was 89 percent, near 93 last year and 87 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 18 percent very poor, 17 poor, 36 fair, 28 good, and 1 excellent. Winter wheat planted was 91 percent, near 94 last year. Emerged was 78 percent, behind 86 last year.

Sunflowers condition rated 7 percent very poor, 13 poor, 39 fair, 39 good, and 2 excellent. Sunflower bracts turning brown was 98 percent, near 97 last year. Harvested was 32 percent, near 36 last year, and behind 37 average.

Dry edible beans harvested was 98 percent, ahead of 92 last year.

Potatoes harvested was 98 percent, ahead of 88 last year.

Sugarbeets harvested was 95 percent, near 94 last year and 92 average.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 26 percent very poor, 28 poor, 31 fair, 15 good, and 0 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 18 percent very short, 34 short, 48 adequate, and 0 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-10-23-2017.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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