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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. November 20, 2017** – For the week ending November 19, 2017, slightly warmer conditions melted enough snow to allow producers to continue harvesting corn and sunflowers, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, some producers were waiting for crops to dry down in the fields, which might prevent them from harvesting until spring. Temperatures were variable, ranging from two to four degrees above normal in the southwest, to two to four degrees below normal over the rest of the State. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 15 percent very short, 29 short, 55 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 18 percent very short, 28 short, 53 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn harvested was 86 percent, behind 92 last year and 91 for the five-year average.

Winter wheat condition rated 20 percent very poor, 22 poor, 32 fair, 25 good, and 1 excellent. Winter wheat emerged was 96 percent, near 98 last year.

Sunflowers harvested was 87 percent, near 91 last year and 86 average.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 36 percent very poor, 33 poor, 22 fair, 9 good, and 0 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 26 percent very short, 33 short, 41 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-11-20-2017.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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