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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. July 30, 2018** - For the week ending July 29, 2018, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 20 short, 73 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 21 short, 73 adequate, and 4 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 15 fair, 70 good, and 12 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 95 percent, ahead of 77 last year and 83 for the five-year average. Setting pods was 68 percent, well ahead of 45 last year and 46 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 11 fair, 75 good, and 12 excellent. Spring wheat coloring was 76 percent, near 75 last year, and ahead of 60 average. Mature was 21 percent. Harvested was 1 percent, near 4 last year, and equal to average.

Durum wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 1 poor, 19 fair, 72 good, and 7 excellent. Durum wheat coloring was 60 percent, equal to last year, and ahead of 43 average. Mature was 5 percent.

Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 26 fair, 61 good, and 8 excellent. Winter wheat coloring was 95 percent, near 96 last year. Mature was 62 percent, behind 75 last year. Harvested was 11 percent, behind 29 last year.

Corn condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 9 fair, 67 good, and 23 excellent. Corn silking was 86 percent, well ahead of 58 last year and 57 average. Dough was 11 percent, ahead of 3 last year and 1 average.

Canola condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 17 fair, 73 good, and 6 excellent. Canola coloring was 61 percent, ahead of 48 last year, and well ahead of 41 average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 8 fair, 14 good, and 78 excellent.

Oats condition rated 2 percent very poor, 1 poor, 10 fair, 78 good, and 9 excellent. Oats coloring was 74 percent, behind 83 last year, but ahead of 66 average. Mature was 28 percent, well behind 51 last year. Harvested was 5 percent, near 8 both last year and average.

Barley condition rated 1 percent very poor, 1 poor, 11 fair, 81 good, and 6 excellent. Barley coloring was 84 percent, near 86 last year, but ahead of 69 average. Mature was 40 percent, behind 51 last year. Harvested was 1 percent, behind 8 last year, and near 4 average.

Dry edible peas condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 14 fair, 77 good, and 6 excellent. Dry edible peas dropping leaves was 59 percent, behind 73 last year. Harvested was 10 percent, behind 23 last year.

Sunflower condition rated 1 percent very poor, 1 poor, 9 fair, 85 good, and 4 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 54 percent, well ahead of 31 last year and 26 average.

Flaxseed condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 75 good, and 9 excellent. Flaxseed blooming was 94 percent, equal to last year. Turning color was 31 percent, behind 36 last year, but ahead of 26 average.

Potato condition rated 1 percent very poor, 0 poor, 8 fair, 80 good, and 11 excellent. Potatoes blooming was 96 percent, near 92 last year. Rows closed was 77 percent, near 73 last year, and ahead of 60 average.

Dry edible bean condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 18 fair, 70 good, and 11 excellent. Dry edible beans blooming was 93 percent, near 89 last year, and ahead of 78 average. Setting pods was 59 percent.

Alfalfa condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 27 fair, 60 good, and 10 excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was 37 percent, behind 48 last year, but near 36 average.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 24 fair, 63 good, and 6 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 11 short, 83 adequate, and 4 surplus.

*Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency, NDSU Extension Service, and other reporters across the State.*

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