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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. August 27, 2018** - For the week ending August 26, 2018, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 19 percent very short, 37 short, 42 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 15 percent very short, 40 short, 43 adequate, and 2 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Soybean condition rated 4 percent very poor, 16 poor, 32 fair, 43 good, and 5 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 26 percent, ahead of 12 last year and 10 for the five-year average.

Spring wheat mature was 98 percent, near 97 last year. Harvested was 77 percent, ahead of 68 last year, and well ahead of 53 average.

Durum wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 21 fair, 65 good, and 11 excellent. Durum wheat mature was 95 percent, ahead of 80 last year. Harvested was 51 percent, ahead of 35 last year.

Winter wheat harvested was 95 percent, near 92 last year.

Corn condition rated 2 percent very poor, 10 poor, 24 fair, 49 good, and 15 excellent. Corn dough was 92 percent, well ahead of 70 last year and 71 average. Dented was 47 percent, well ahead of 16 last year and 19 average. Mature was 3 percent, near 1 last year.

Canola condition rated 0 percent very poor, 5 poor, 27 fair, 61 good, and 7 excellent. Canola harvested was 41 percent, near 39 last year, and ahead of 32 average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 6 fair, 15 good, and 79 excellent. Sugarbeets harvested was 4 percent, near 3 last year and 2 average.

Oats mature was 97 percent. Harvested was 82 percent, near 83 last year, but ahead of 67 average.

Barley harvested was 91 percent, ahead of 86 last year, and well ahead of 67 average.

Dry edible peas harvested was 94 percent, ahead of 84 last year and 76 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 6 poor, 30 fair, 61 good, and 3 excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dry was 67 percent, well ahead of 38 last year and 33 average. Bracts turned yellow was 34 percent. Bracts turned brown was 4 percent.

Flaxseed condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 66 good, and 11 excellent. Flaxseed coloring was 97 percent, near 94 last year. Harvested was 54 percent, well ahead of 27 last year and 19 average.

Potato condition rated 0 percent very poor, 9 poor, 32 fair, 55 good, and 4 excellent. Potatoes vines dry was 30 percent, ahead of 21 last year.

Dry edible bean condition rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 28 fair, 50 good, and 6 excellent. Dry edible beans dropping leaves was 75 percent, well ahead of 39 last year and 36 average. Harvested was 18 percent.

Alfalfa condition rated 4 percent very poor, 9 poor, 34 fair, 47 good, and 6 excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was 92 percent, near 88 last year, and ahead of 85 average.

Lentils harvested was 46 percent, near 45 last year.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 8 percent very poor, 22 poor, 39 fair, 29 good, and 2 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 26 short, 68 adequate, and 1 surplus.

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