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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. October 15, 2018** - For the week ending October 14, 2018, there were 1.7 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 19 short, 68 adequate, and 9 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 11 percent very short, 25 short, 58 adequate, and 6 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Soybean condition rated 4 percent very poor, 16 poor, 33 fair, 41 good, and 6 excellent. Soybeans harvested was 37 percent, well behind 68 last year and 70 for the five-year average.

Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 27 fair, 58 good, and 10 excellent. Winter wheat planted was 87 percent, near 85 last year, but behind 92 average. Emerged was 59 percent, behind 66 both last year and average.

Corn condition rated 2 percent very poor, 11 poor, 26 fair, 46 good, and 15 excellent. Corn mature was 96 percent, ahead of 77 last year and 85 average. Harvested was 12 percent, ahead of 7 last year, but near 13 average.

Sugarbeets harvested was 47 percent, well behind 85 last year and 82 average.

Sunflower condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 30 fair, 58 good, and 4 excellent. Sunflowers bracts turned brown was 97 percent, ahead of 91 last year and 88 average. Harvested was 15 percent, near 11 last year and 12 average.

Potatoes harvested was 84 percent, behind 91 last year, and equal to average.

Dry edible beans harvested was 94 percent, near 93 last year.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 14 poor, 44 fair, 34 good, and 2 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 27 short, 64 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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