FARGO, N.D. August 24, 2020 - For the week ending August 23, 2020, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 13% very short, 29% short, 50% adequate, and 8% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7% very short, 27% short, 58% adequate, and 8% surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Soybean condition rated 2% very poor, 5% poor, 28% fair, 55% good, and 10% excellent. Soybeans setting pods was 93%, ahead of 86% last year, but near 94% for the five-year average. Dropping leaves was 7%, ahead of 2% last year, but behind 12% average.

Spring wheat condition rated 3% very poor, 5% poor, 29% fair, 56% good, and 7% excellent. Spring wheat mature was 84%, equal to last year. Harvested was 39%, ahead of 28% last year, but well behind 59% average.

Durum wheat condition rated 2% very poor, 5% poor, 29% fair, 56% good, and 8% excellent. Durum wheat coloring was 96%. Mature was 75%, near 77% last year and 79% average. Harvested was 33%, ahead of 19% last year.

Winter wheat mature was 96%. Harvested was 84%, ahead of 71% last year, but near 87% average.

Corn condition rated 2% very poor, 6% poor, 25% fair, 56% good, and 11% excellent. Corn dough was 62%, well ahead of 39% last year, but behind 68% average. Dented was 8%, near 4% last year, but behind 20% average.

Canola condition rated 1% very poor, 5% poor, 21% fair, 61% good, and 12% excellent. Canola coloring was 86%, behind 91% last year. Harvested was 14%, ahead of 9% last year, but behind 29% average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 1% very poor, 3% poor, 4% fair, 43% good, and 49% excellent. Sugarbeets harvested was 2%, near 3% both last year and average.

Oats condition rated 3% very poor, 7% poor, 30% fair, 57% good, and 3% excellent. Oats mature was 89%, ahead of 72% last year. Harvested was 48%, ahead of 34% last year, but well behind 70% average.

Barley condition rated 2% very poor, 7% poor, 29% fair, 57% good, and 5% excellent. Barley mature was 90%, near 87% last year. Harvested was 44%, ahead of 38% last year, but well behind 75% average.
Dry edible peas condition rated 1% very poor, 4% poor, 28% fair, 57% good, and 10% excellent. Dry edible peas dropping leaves was 95%. Harvested was 62%, near 66% last year, and well behind 84% average.

Sunflower condition rated 1% very poor, 4% poor, 29% fair, 62% good, and 4% excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 96%, ahead of 91% last year. Ray flowers dry was 33%, ahead of 16% last year, but near 35% average. Bracts turned yellow was 6%, ahead of 1% last year.

Flaxseed condition rated 2% very poor, 4% poor, 25% fair, 64% good, and 5% excellent. Flaxseed coloring was 93%, near 91% last year and 94% average. Harvested was 10%.

Potato condition rated 3% very poor, 2% poor, 21% fair, 61% good, and 13% excellent. Potatoes rows closed was 95%, near 94% last year. Vines dry was 12%, equal to last year, and behind 18% average.

Dry edible bean condition rated 3% very poor, 6% poor, 27% fair, 49% good, and 15% excellent. Dry edible beans blooming was 95%. Setting pods was 88%, behind 97% last year. Dropping leaves was 21%, behind 34% last year, and well behind 43% average.

Alfalfa condition rated 4% very poor, 16% poor, 36% fair, 40% good, and 4% excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was 91%, ahead of 79% last year and 86% average.

Lentils harvested was 38%, well ahead of 13% last year.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 4% very poor, 19% poor, 43% fair, 32% good, and 2% excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5% very short, 24% short, 67% 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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