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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. August 31, 2020** - For the week ending August 30, 2020, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 12% very short, 29% short, 50% adequate, and 9% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8% very short, 28% short, 56% adequate, and 8% surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Soybean condition rated 3% very poor, 6% poor, 27% fair, 51% good, and 13% excellent. Soybeans setting pods was 97%, ahead of 92% last year, and equal to the five-year average. Dropping leaves was 16%, ahead of 6% last year, but behind 21% average.

Spring wheat condition rated 4% very poor, 7% poor, 25% fair, 55% good, and 9% excellent. Spring wheat mature was 94%, near 93% last year and 98% average. Harvested was 59%, ahead of 47% last year, but behind 75% average.

Durum wheat condition rated 3% very poor, 7% poor, 30% fair, 51% good, and 9% excellent. Durum wheat mature was 87%, near 88% last year. Harvested was 53%, well ahead of 31% last year, but near 54% average.

Winter wheat harvested was 92%, ahead of 85% last year.

Corn condition rated 3% very poor, 7% poor, 26% fair, 50% good, and 14% excellent. Corn dough was 79%, ahead of 65% last year, but near 83% average. Dented was 26%, ahead of 7% last year, but behind 38% average.

Canola condition rated 1% very poor, 5% poor, 19% fair, 60% good, and 15% excellent. Canola coloring was 92%, behind 97% last year. Harvested was 27%, ahead of 18% last year, but well behind 48% average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 1% very poor, 3% poor, 4% fair, 43% good, and 49% excellent. Sugarbeets harvested was 5%, equal to both last year and average.

Oats mature was 97%, ahead of 84% last year. Harvested was 71%, ahead of 53% last year, but behind 82% average.

Barley condition rated 2% very poor, 6% poor, 30% fair, 54% good, and 8% excellent. Barley mature was 95%, equal to last year. Harvested was 70%, ahead of 59% last year, but behind 86% average.

Dry edible peas harvested was 82%, near 81% last year.

Sunflower condition rated 1% very poor, 7% poor, 27% fair, 59% good, and 6% excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dry was 65%, well ahead of 31% last year, and ahead of 59% average. Bracts turned yellow was 29%, well ahead of 5% last year, and near 25% average. Bracts turned brown was 3%.

Flaxseed condition rated 1% very poor, 5% poor, 27% fair, 60% good, and 7% excellent. Flaxseed coloring was 96%, near 95% last year. Harvested was 33%, well ahead of 10% last year, but behind 39% average.

Potato condition rated 4% very poor, 3% poor, 21% fair, 52% good, and 20% excellent. Potatoes vines dry was 31%, behind 39% last year, and near 35% average.

Dry edible bean condition rated 3% very poor, 8% poor, 27% fair, 44% good, and 18% excellent. Dry edible beans setting pods was 95%. Dropping leaves was 49%, behind 56% last year and 63% average. Harvested was 2%, near 1% last year, but behind 10% average.

Alfalfa condition rated 4% very poor, 15% poor, 37% fair, 40% good, and 4% excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was 95%, ahead of 85% last year and 90% average.

Lentils harvested was 48%, well ahead of 21% last year, but behind 58% average.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 5% very poor, 20% poor, 41% fair, 31% good, and 3% excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 4% very short, 26% short, 67% adequate, and 3% 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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