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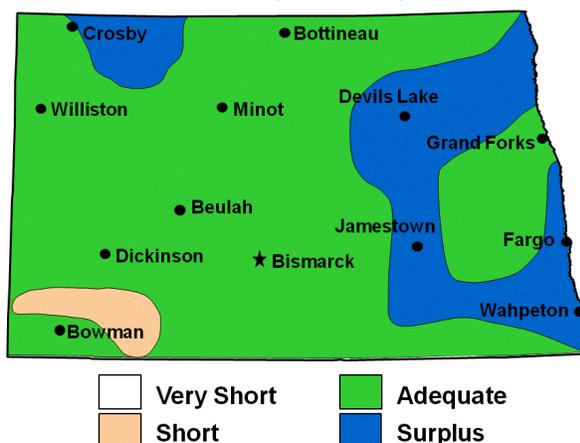
North Dakota Above normal temperatures and near to below normal precipitation were reported across the state in March. The above normal March temperatures led to rapid snow melt, and flooding occurred in parts of the central and eastern districts. Although wet conditions continued into April, producers began fieldwork by the second week of the month as fields dried out. Planting became more widespread during the second half of April following a period of mostly warm, dry conditions. The average starting date for fieldwork was April 18, two weeks ahead of last year's May 2. The favorable weather in April also benefitted livestock producers as calving and lambing progressed, with livestock conditions consistently rated fair to good.

In early May, planting progress for most crops was delayed by cool, wet weather conditions. Temperatures dropped well below normal during the first week of May, and localized areas were affected by frost. Snow was reported in the western and central districts. Favorable weather began to emerge by the second week of May, allowing producers to make significant progress planting crops. Although precipitation towards the end of May slowed planting progress, most crops were near their respective five-year (2005-2009) averages. Most crops began germination roughly two weeks ahead of last year, and were generally near the average in development by the end of May. Crop conditions were rated mostly fair to good on May 30.

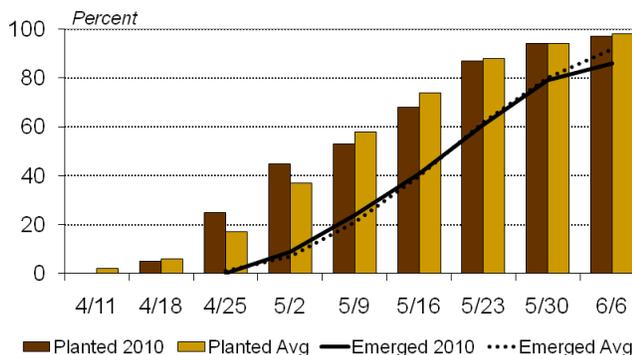
By June 6, planting was nearing completion, and most small grains and other crops were near the average in their development. Planting of spring wheat was virtually complete by June 6, while development was near the average at 86 percent emerged, 21 percent jointed, and 1 percent booting. By June 13, haying began despite wet conditions around the state. Pastures and ranges were rated 84 percent good to excellent on June 13, with most cattle having been moved to pasture by this date.

Soil moisture supplies were rated mostly adequate to surplus throughout the spring season. In the first half of June, reporters expressed concern about excess moisture in fields. On May 2, topsoil moisture supplies were rated 3 percent short, 83 adequate, and 14 surplus, while subsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent short, 87 adequate, and 12 surplus. On June 13, topsoil moisture supplies were rated 2 percent short, 78 adequate, and 20 surplus while subsoil moisture supplies were rated 2 percent short, 79 adequate, and 19 surplus.

**Topsoil Moisture Supplies
North Dakota, June 13, 2010**



**Spring Wheat Progress
North Dakota, 2010 and 2005-2009 Average**



2010 PROJECT SAFE SEND

North Dakota

North Dakotans are proud of the state's clean air and water. Our environmental legacy and agricultural heritage should be passed on to the next generation with pride; banned or unusable pesticides should not.

Now there's a way to get rid of these pesticides for good. It's called Project Safe Send.

Project Safe Send helps North Dakotans legally get rid of unusable pesticides. This 18 year-old program is safe, simple, non-regulatory and free! Almost 7,000 people have brought in over 2.5 million pounds of pesticides during the program's history.

"Project Safe Send provides a valuable service to agriculture producers, agribusiness and the public in disposing outdated or unusable pesticides," said Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring.

The program accepts any pesticides (i.e. herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides and fungicides) that are old, unusable or banned. The program is open to farmers, ranchers, pesticide dealers and applicators, government agencies, homeowners and the general public. After the collections, hazardous pesticides are carefully packed and shipped out of state for incineration. Project Safe Send is funded through the fees paid by pesticide manufacturers to register their products in North Dakota.

Please check your storage areas for any unusable pesticides and set them aside for Project Safe Send. In the meantime, keep pesticides locked up safely. If you have deteriorating or leaking containers, over pack them in larger containers and add absorbent materials. Free heavy-duty plastic bags are available from the North Dakota Department of Agriculture.

People with more than 1,000 pounds of pesticides should preregister. No other preregistration is required. A maximum of 20,000 pounds of pesticide per participant will be accepted. Pesticide rinse water also will be accepted at any of the 12 collection sites. The first 100 pounds of rinse water will be taken free of charge; a fee will be applied for each additional pound.

If you would like to preregister over 1,000 pounds of pesticides, receive heavy duty plastic bags or have questions about Project Safe Send, please contact Jessica Johnson at the North Dakota Department of Agriculture at (800) 242-7535 or jnjohnson@nd.gov.

- ◆ **July 7 – NEW ENGLAND** – 11704 61st St SW- east side of junction of Highway 21 and Highway 22 just south of New England.
- ◆ **July 8 – WATFORD CITY** – 11th Ave SW - on US Highway 85, 3/4 mile south of junction of US Highway 85 and ND Highway 23, west side of 85.
- ◆ **July 9 – CROSBY** - 10320 119th Avenue NW - Northeast corner of ND Highway 5 and County Highway 42 intersection, on west edge of Crosby.
- ◆ **July 12 – MINOT** – 1305 Highway 2 Bypass East- from intersection of US Highway 83 and 2, go east about 3 miles, DOT is on the eastside of Highway 2, just north of gooseneck implement (John Deere Dealership).
- ◆ **July 13 – UNDERWOOD** – 337 Old Highway 83- just north of Underwood on the west side of 83.
- ◆ **July 14 – ASHLEY** – 520 7th Street SW – 1/2 mile south of Ashley on Highway 3.
- ◆ **July 15 – CARRINGTON** – 6739 Highway 200- 1/2 mile east of junction of ND Highway 200 and US Highway 281 on the north side of the road.
- ◆ **July 16 – VALLEY CITY** – 1524 8th Avenue SW- south of I-94 at exit 292.
- ◆ **July 19 – ADAMS** – 804 First Avenue-in Adams, from the intersection of 1st Ave and Park St. go East one block, on the south side of the road.
- ◆ **July 20 – CANDO** – 7411 68th Avenue NE- two blocks north of ND Highway 17 on east edge of Cando, about one mile east of US Highway 281.
- ◆ **July 21 – LARIMORE** – 1524 Towner Avenue- north side of Larimore, west side of Highway 18.
- ◆ **July 22 – WAHPETON** – 7930 180 R Avenue SE- 1/2 mile west of Wahpeton on south side of ND Highway 13.

Source: ND Department of Agriculture, May 2010



2010 PROJECT SAFE SEND (Continued)

DO YOU HAVE USED PESTICIDE CONTAINERS TO RECYCLE?

This year Container Services Network, LLC with the Agriculture Container Recycling Council, is accepting used plastic pesticide containers at the following Project Safe Send collection sites:

Minot.....7/12/10
 Underwood...7/13/10
 Ashley7/14/10
 Valley City.....7/16/10
 Carrington.....7/15/10

(Directions to the sites are on the previous page.)

Only these five sites will offer recycling. Please do not bring recycling to other sites.

If you want to bring in containers to recycle, please note the following:

- The CSN/ACRC program accepts containers made from HDPE up to 55 gallons in size.
- Shuttles or Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBCs) cannot be accepted.
- All containers must be triple rinsed and free of residue.
- All caps, gaskets and closures must be removed.
- All booklets and labels must be removed.

CSN is running this pilot program with the North Dakota Department of Agriculture to increase recycling in our State and minimize the environmental impact of land filling the containers. Since this is the first time this service has been offered during Project Safe Send, we are asking that applicators interested in using the program call CSN and preregister. This is necessary in order to set up the proper logistical support for this initial phase. CSN will be on site to discuss any recycling you may have. We look forward to seeing you in July.

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WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION

North Dakota Winter wheat production is forecast at 17.3 million bushels, up 4 percent from the May 1 forecast but down 34 percent from 2008 production. Based on June 1 conditions, the winter wheat yield in North Dakota is forecast at a record high 54.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from last month and 6.0 bushels more than last year. The previous record high yield was 49.0 bushels per acre, set in 2007. Area harvested for grain, 320,000 acres, is unchanged from the previous month but down 41 percent from last year.

United States Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.48 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast but 3 percent below 2009. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 46.6 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushel from last month and 2.4 bushels more than last year. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 31.8 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

**Winter Wheat Yield Production¹
 North Dakota and United States, 2009-2010**

Item	Unit	2009	2010	
			May 1	June 1
Winter Wheat				
North Dakota				
Harvested for Grain	1,000 Acres	545	320	320
Yield Per Acre	Bushels	48.0	52.0	54.0
Production	1,000 Bushels	26,160	16,640	17,280
United States				
Harvested for Grain	1,000 Acres	34,485	31,786	31,786
Yield Per Acre	Bushels	44.2	45.9	46.6
Production	1,000 Bushels	1,522,718	1,458,350	1,482,364

¹ 2010 winter wheat forecasted yield and production.

POTATO STOCKS

North Dakota

Growers, dealers and processors held 1.40 million hundredweight (cwt) of potatoes in storage June 1, 2010, down 36 percent from a year ago and 50 percent below June 1, 2008. Current stocks represent 7 percent of production, down from 10 percent last year, and 12 percent two years ago. Total stocks are defined as all potatoes on hand, regardless of use, including those that will be lost through future shrinkage and dumping.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to June 1 totaled 17.7 million cwt, down from 20.5 million cwt a year ago and 20.9 million cwt two years ago. April disappearance totaled 1.40 million cwt, down from 2.00 million cwt a year ago but the same as two years ago.

United States

The 13 major potato States held 51.3 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2010, up 13 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 13 percent of the 2009 fall storage States' production, one percentage point above June 1, 2009.

Potato disappearance, at 333 million cwt, was 2 percent above June 1, 2009. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 28.5 million cwt, was up 20 percent from the same date in 2009. Processors in the 9 major States have used 160 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 5 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 29.9 million cwt of the total processing, down 6 percent from last year.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks 13 Major States and United States, June 1, 2009-2010

State	Crop of 2008		Crop of 2009		
	Production	Stocks June 1, 2009	Production	Stocks	
				May 1, 2010	June 1, 2010
	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Cwt
North Dakota	22,680	2,200	19,125	2,800	1,400
California	3,948	400	4,158	600	400
Colorado	21,907	3,800	22,080	4,900	3,000
Idaho	116,475	21,000	131,000	36,500	23,000
Maine	14,769	2,200	15,263	3,900	2,200
Michigan	14,875	²	15,660	²	²
Minnesota	20,400	2,900	20,700	4,900	3,200
Montana	3,465	²	3,347	600	²
Nebraska	8,245	²	8,756	1,100	²
New York	5,696	²	4,950	²	²
Oregon	18,676	3,400	21,460	5,300	2,800
Washington ¹	93,000	8,300	88,450	21,000	12,700
Wisconsin	25,730	300	28,980	4,900	2,000
Other States ¹		800		430	600
13 State Total¹	369,866	45,300	383,929	86,930	51,300

¹ May 1, 2010 revised.

² Combined into "Other States" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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