



# News Release

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## ***Field Crops: Usual Planting and Harvesting Dates Handbook***

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released an update to *Field Crops: Usual Planting and Harvesting Dates* on October 29, 2010. This handbook documents the usual planting and harvesting dates for major field crops in the United States. The updated North Dakota information is contained in the table below. This handbook was last updated in 1997.

**North Dakota: Usual Planting and Harvesting Dates, by Crop, 1990-2009 Average**

Crop	2009 Area Harvested	Usual Planting Dates			Usual Harvested Dates		
	1,000 acres	Begin	Most Active	End	Begin	Most Active	End
Barley	1,130.0	Apr 19	Apr 26-May 25	June 3	July 28	Aug 4-Sept 3	Sept 16
Beans, Dry Edible	580.0	May 14	May 19-June 6	June 13	Aug 30	Sept 7-Oct 11	Oct 26
Corn for Grain	1,740.0	Apr 26	May 2-May 28	June 4	Sept 28	Oct 8-Nov 19	Dec 6
Corn for Silage	170.0	Apr 26	May 2-May 28	June 4	Aug 27	Sept 6-Oct 5	Oct 14
Flaxseed	293.0	Apr 30	May 7-June 3	June 12	Aug 17	Aug 26-Oct 3	Oct 15
Hay, Alfalfa	1,780.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	June 10	(NA)	Sept 6
Hay, Other	1,180.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	June 19	(NA)	Sept 2
Oats	165.0	Apr 19	Apr 26-May 25	June 3	July 28	Aug 5-Sept 5	Sept 18
Potatoes	75.0	Apr 28	May 5-May 30	June 6	Sept 2	Sept 10-Oct 7	Oct 16
Soybeans	3,870.0	May 7	May 14-June 3	June 11	Sept 17	Sept 24-Oct 21	Nov 5
Sugarbeets	218.0	Apr 19	Apr 24-May 18	May 26	Sept 17	Sept 30-Oct 17	Oct 25
Sunflower	868.0	May 14	May 19-June 8	June 15	Oct 1	Oct 9-Nov 10	Nov 23
Wheat, Durum	1,570.0	Apr 23	May 2-May 31	June 8	Aug 7	Aug 15-Sept 23	Oct 5
Wheat, Spring	6,300.0	Apr 16	Apr 24-May 25	June 3	Aug 1	Aug 8-Sept 13	Sept 25
Wheat, Winter	545.0	Sept 6	Sept 10-Sept 25	Oct 2	July 15	July 20-July 29	Aug 10

(NA) Not Available