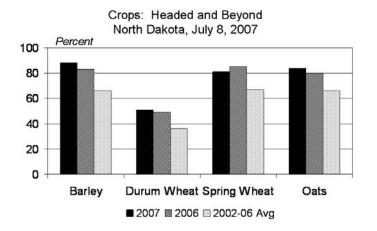
NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK & WEATHER REPORT

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General: Above normal temperatures prevailed last week as all crops made excellent progress, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. With only scattered precipitation received the past few weeks, moisture and heat stress are starting to show in crops and pastures. Reports noted that producers continued to apply chemicals to protect their crop's high yield potential. Post emergence spraying for the control of broadleaf weeds and wild oats was virtually complete at 98 and 99 percent, respectively. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 73 percent adequate to surplus. This compares with last year and the five-year (2002-2006) average, of 26 and 69 percent adequate to surplus, respectively. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 16 short, 77 adequate and 6 surplus. Statewide, on average, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork.

Crops: Adequate moisture for crops continues to be a concern for producers as their crops have entered critical developmental stages. Over half of the durum wheat was headed by week's end. Small grain crop development in the milk stage made the most progress during the week. Barley, spring wheat and oats in the milk stage, advanced at least 32 percentage points to 54, 41 and 48 percent complete, respectively. Small grain crop conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Corn silking, at 7 percent complete, was ahead of both last year and average. Potatoes in the blooming developmental stage advanced 27 percentage points during the week to 67 percent complete. Although limited moisture has caused some deterioration of all other crop conditions, they remain being rated mostly good to excellent.

Livestock: Warm, dry weather allowed producers to make excellent progress harvesting hay during the week. Other hay, at 55 percent complete, advanced 21 percentage points from last week. The first cutting of alfalfa was 85 percent complete by week's end. The cutting of both hay crops was behind last year, but ahead of the average pace. Hay condition was rated 3 percent poor, 15 fair, 63 good and 19 excellent. Pasture and range conditions were rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 63 good and 14 excellent, compared with 13 percent very poor, 15 poor, 26 fair, 37 good and 8 excellent on average. Stockwater supplies were rated 91 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 61 percent adequate to surplus last year.





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Crop and Pasture Condition

| North Dakota, Week Ending July 8, 2007 | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|--|
| Crop | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent | |
| | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | |
| Barley | 1 | 1 | 9 | 69 | 20 | |
| Durum Wheat | 0 | 1 | 9 | 76 | 14 | |
| Spring Wheat | 1 | 2 | 9 | 70 | 18 | |
| Oats | 0 | 1 | 7 | 82 | 10 | |
| Canola | 0 | 1 | 12 | 67 | 20 | |
| Corn | 1 | 4 | 14 | 63 | 18 | |
| Dry Edible Beans | 3 | 6 | 23 | 56 | 12 | |
| Dry Edible Peas | 1 | 1 | 9 | 75 | 14 | |
| Flaxseed | 0 | 1 | 7 | 81 | 11 | |
| Potatoes | 3 | 5 | 14 | 53 | 25 | |
| Soybeans | 2 | 3 | 15 | 62 | 18 | |
| Sugarbeets | 2 | 5 | 18 | 51 | 24 | |
| Sunflower | 1 | 2 | 10 | 71 | 16 | |
| Hay | 0 | 3 | 15 | 63 | 19 | |
| Pasture and Range | 1 | 3 | 19 | 63 | 14 | |

| Crop Development Progress | |
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| North Dakota, Week Ending July 8, 2007 ¹ | / 2/ |

| North Dakota, Week Ending July 8, 2007 ^{1/2/} | | | | | |
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| _ | | Neek Ending | | 2002- | |
| Crop | July 8, | July 1, | July 8, | 2006 | |
| | 2007 | 2007 | 2006 | Avg | |
| | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | |
| BARLEY | | | | | |
| Boot | 96 | 89 | 96 | 86 | |
| Headed | 88 | 71 | 83 | 66 | |
| Milk | 54 | 15 | 48 | 29 | |
| Turning | 10 | 1 | 14 | 7 | |
| DURUM WHEAT | | | | | |
| Jointed | 86 | 77 | 94 | 86 | |
| Boot | 69 | 55 | 79 | 62 | |
| Headed | 51 | 26 | 49 | 36 | |
| Milk | 12 | 2 | 15 | 9 | |
| Turning | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | |
| SPRING WHEAT | | - | | | |
| Boot | 95 | 84 | 96 | 85 | |
| Headed | 81 | 55 | 85 | 67 | |
| Milk | 41 | 9 | 46 | 28 | |
| Turning | 41 | 1 | 12 | 20 5 | |
| OATS | 4 | 1 | 12 | 5 | |
| | 00 | 00 | 99 | 00 | |
| Jointed | 99 | 96 | | 96 | |
| Boot | 94 | 83 | 95 | 84 | |
| Headed | 84 | 57 | 80 | 66 | |
| Milk | 48 | 16 | 52 | 31 | |
| Turning | 9 | 3 | 21 | 7 | |
| CANOLA | | | | | |
| Blooming | 89 | 72 | 86 | 79 | |
| Turning | 3 | NA | 5 | 2 | |
| CORN | | | | | |
| Silking | 7 | 2 | 6 | 2 | |
| DRY EDIBLE BEANS | | | | | |
| Blooming | 31 | 17 | 41 | 18 | |
| Setting Pods | 4 | 1 | 7 | 2 | |
| DRY EDIBLE PEAS | | | | | |
| Flowering | 94 | 89 | 94 | NA | |
| Mature | 3 | NA | 6 | NA | |
| FLAXSEED | | | | | |
| Blooming | 52 | 29 | 78 | 54 | |
| Turning | 1 | NA | 3 | 1 | |
| POTATÕES | | | | | |
| Blooming | 67 | 40 | 78 | 44 | |
| Rows Filled | 23 | 5 | 48 | 22 | |
| SOYBEANS | 25 | Ű | | | |
| Blooming | 27 | 8 | 45 | 19 | |
| Setting Pods | 0 | NA | 5 | 2 | |
| SUNFLOWERS | J J | 11/4 | 5 | 2 | |
| Blooming | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | |
| 1/ Crop development perce | | | | - | |

Crop development percents represent all acreage in or beyond each stage
Progress is based on current intended acreage. NA = Not Available

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|------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | , | Week Ending | | 2002- |
| Date | July 8, 2007 | July 1, 2007 | July 8, 2006 | 2006 Avg |
| | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Topsoil | | | | |
| Very Short | 1 | 1 | 30 | 12 |
| Short | 26 | 16 | 44 | 19 |
| Adequate | 69 | 73 | 26 | 58 |
| Surplus | 4 | 10 | 0 | 11 |
| Subsoil | | | | |
| Very Short | 1 | 1 | 21 | 11 |
| Short | 16 | 10 | 39 | 20 |
| Adequate | 77 | 78 | 39 | 57 |
| Surplus | 6 | 11 | 1 | 12 |
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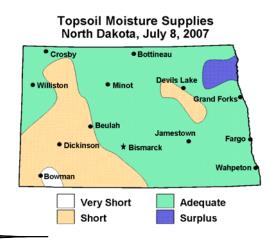
Weather: Monday brought in some scattered storms in the western and central part of the state. With Monday's storms numerous high wind reports occurred in the central region with three hail reports in the northwestern and central region of the state. Tuesday highs climbed into the upper 80s to lower 90s as a system of storms moved through the state. On Wednesday, a few scattered storms moved across the central and eastern parts of the state. Thursday and Friday were quiet as highs continued to stay in the upper 80s to lower 90s. Saturday highs climbed into the triple digits in some areas and were in the 90s elsewhere. A cold front brought moisture to the northwestern to southeastern parts of the state. Sunday was much cooler with highs only in the western and central regions of the state.

Outlook, July 9-15: Monday will start off the week with highs in the 80s. There is a slight chance that Monday's storms will be strong with high winds and hail. On Tuesday, the threat of precipitation continues as the system moves out of the state. Most of the precipitation will be in the central to eastern parts of the state. Wednesday another threat of moisture occurs with scattered showers in the eastern parts of the state. The rest of the work week stays calm and dry as highs climb into the upper 70s to lower 80s by Friday. Saturday temperatures will climb into the 80s as the state remains dry. Sunday returns the threat of precipitation in the form of isolated storms mainly in the eastern part of the state.

| Temperature | & Precipitation: Districts and Stations |
|---------------|---|
| North Dakota, | Week ending July 8, 2007 |

| District | | rage erature | Seasonal Precipitation Beginning April 1 ^{1/} | | | |
|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------|---|----------|--------------------------------|--|
| Averages | Past Week | Depart Normal ^{2/} | Past Week | Total | Depart Normal ^{2/} | |
| | (Degrees F) | (Degrees F) | (Inches) | (Inches) | (Inches) | |
| Northwest(1) | 74 | 7 | 0.39 | 9.02 | 1.92 | |
| N. Central(2) | 74 | 7 | 0.24 | 10.15 | 2.69 | |
| Northeast (3) | 74 | 6 | 0.17 | 11.77 | 4.37 | |
| W. Central(4) | 76 | 7 | 0.33 | 7.74 | 0.09 | |
| Central (5) | 75 | 6 | 0.12 | 10.83 | 3.35 | |
| E. Central(6) | 75 | 6 | 0.01 | 11.15 | 2.86 | |
| Southwest(7) | 77 | 9 | 0.71 | 8.97 | 1.27 | |
| S. Central(8) | 77 | 8 | 0.22 | 11.04 | 3.49 | |
| Southeast(9) | 78 | 8 | 0.28 | 13.50 | 4.89 | |

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Temperature & Precipitation: Districts and Stations

| North Dakota, \ | Neek endir | ng July 8, 2 | 2007 | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|---|----------|--------------------------------|--|
| Stations | | erature Week | Seasonal Precipitation Beginning April 1 ^{1/} | | | |
| by District | High | Low | Past Week | Total | Depart Normal ^{2/} | |
| | (Degrees F) | (Degrees F) | (Inches) | (Inches) | (Inches) | |
| (1) Bowbells | 89 | 55 | 0.38 | 9.01 | 1.73 | |
| Williston | 96 | 56 | 0.54 | 8.23 | 2.24 | |
| Mohall | 90 | 54 | 0.19 | 8.82 | 1.57 | |
| Minot | 93 | 60 | 0.45 | 10.02 | 2.13 | |
| (2) Baker | 93 | 58 | 0.43 | 11.36 | 4.08 | |
| Bottineau | 91 | 52 | 0.09 | 9.78 | 2.20 | |
| Rugby | 94 | 56 | 0.19 | 9.32 | 1.80 | |
| (3) Cando | 92 | 55 | 0.03 | 11.65 | 4.61 | |
| Cavalier | 94 | 56 | 0.10 | 12.24 | 4.84 | |
| Forest River | 96 | 58 | 0.37 | 11.23 | 3.63 | |
| Grand Forks | 92 | 55 | 0.00 | 9.53 | 2.42 | |
| Langdon | 91 | 57 | 0.01 | 10.03 | 2.42 | |
| St. Thomas | 93 | 58 | 0.53 | 15.92 | 8.32 | |
| (4) Hazen | 100 | 51 | 0.20 | 7.28 | -0.77 | |
| Turtle Lake | 95 | 58 | 0.34 | 9.32 | 1.49 | |
| Watford City | 96 | 57 | 0.46 | 6.61 | -0.45 | |
| (5) Carrington | 95 | 55 | 0.11 | 8.39 | -0.30 | |
| Harvey | 94 | 55 | 0.33 | 10.60 | 4.36 | |
| Jamestown | 94 | 57 | 0.12 | 13.18 | 5.60 | |
| Robinson | 94 | 56 | 0.00 | 9.36 | 1.67 | |
| Streeter | 93 | 58 | 0.04 | 12.62 | 5.43 | |
| (6) Dazey | 92 | 57 | 0.04 | 11.07 | 2.94 | |
| Fargo | 98 | 59 | 0.00 | 11.83 | 3.43 | |
| Hillsboro | 94 | 55 | 0.00 | 10.55 | 2.21 | |
| (7) Beach | 96 | 56 | 1.51 | 9.16 | 1.91 | |
| Bowman | 98 | 53 | 0.39 | 10.00 | 2.36 | |
| Dickinson | 100 | 58 | 0.65 | 6.65 | -1.48 | |
| Hettinger | 100 | 56 | 0.28 | 10.08 | 2.28 | |
| (8) Mandan | 98 | 57 | 0.19 | 12.41 | 4.71 | |
| Linton | 96 | 60 | 0.25 | 9.68 | 2.26 | |
| (9) Edgeley | 96 | 59 | 0.27 | 10.11 | 1.60 | |
| Oakes | 97 | 60 | 0.37 | 15.46 | 7.14 | |
| Wyndmere | 96 | 61 | 0.19 | 14.93 | 5.92 | |

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