



# News Release

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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND July 29, 2013 – For the week ending July 28, 2013, cooler temperatures across the state last week were beneficial for small grains but the lack of moisture is starting to be detrimental for all crops, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. With temperatures last week averaging 4 to 10 degrees below normal, row crop development was at or behind normal pace and warmer temperatures are needed. Crops in many areas of the state are stressed by the lack of moisture and rainfall is needed soon to improve crop development. Statewide, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 30 short, 58 adequate, and 9 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 22 short, 68 adequate, and 7 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Spring wheat headed was 93 percent, behind 100 last year but near 95 average. Turning color was 32 percent, well behind last year at 92 and 45 average. Ripe was 2 percent. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 63 good, and 13 excellent.

Durum wheat headed was 91 percent, behind last year's 100 but ahead of 84 average. Turning color was 20 percent, behind 68 last year and 28 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 19 fair, 72 good, and 7 excellent.

Oats headed was 93 percent, behind 100 last year and 96 average. Turning color was 39 percent, well behind last year's 92 and 49 average. Ripe was 3 percent. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 2 poor, 13 fair, 66 good, and 17 excellent.

Barley headed was 95 percent, behind last year's 100 but near 97 average. Turning color was 35 percent, well behind 96 last year and 54 average. Ripe was 4 percent. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 67 good, and 9 excellent.

Canola blooming was 97 percent, behind 100 last year but near 99 average. Turning color was 15 percent, behind 75 last year and 36 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 16 fair, 66 good, and 14 excellent.

Flaxseed blooming was 91 percent, behind last year at 96 but ahead of 87 average. Turning color was 4 percent, behind 47 last year and 17 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 25 fair, 60 good, and 10 excellent.

Lentils harvested were 2 percent, behind 11 last year but near 3 average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 31 fair, 49 good, and 10 excellent.

Corn silking was 51 percent, behind last year's 94 but near 50 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 21 fair, 58 good, and 12 excellent.

Soybean blooming was 75 percent, behind 2012 at 97 and average at 81. Setting pods was 26 percent, well behind 84 last year and 42 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 26 fair, 58 good, and 10 excellent.

Potatoes blooming were 86 percent, behind 98 last year and 93 average. Rows filled were 35 percent, well behind 86 last year and 61 average. Condition rated 7 percent very poor, 12 poor, 42 fair, 33 good, and 6 excellent.

Dry edible pea flowering was 98 percent, behind last year at 100 but equal to 98 average. Mature was 13 percent, well behind 83 last year and 47 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 17 fair, 70 good, and 7 excellent.

Dry edible bean blooming was 62 percent, behind last year at 97 and 78 average. Setting pods was 17 percent, behind 81 last year and 36 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 35 fair, 50 good, and 8 excellent.

Sunflower blooming was 5 percent, behind 47 last year and 17 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 13 fair, 69 good, and 14 excellent.

First cutting of alfalfa hay was 99 percent complete. Second cutting of alfalfa hay was 19 percent complete. Alfalfa hay condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 13 fair, 53 good, and 30 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 14 fair, 58 good, and 26 excellent. Stock water supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 83 adequate, and 13 surplus.

*Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and NDSU Extension Service.*

*Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:*

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2013/CropProg-07-29-2013.pdf>

*Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:*

[http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update\\_region&state=ND&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=ND&region=HPRCC)

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*

[http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM\\_state.htm?ND,HP](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?ND,HP)