



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND May 20, 2013 – For the week ending May 19, 2013, warm, dry weather conditions across the state early in the week allowed producers to make good planting progress, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Statewide, on average, there were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork. However, starting Thursday and lasting through the weekend, most of the state received significant rainfall amounts which halted fieldwork activities. According to reports, the amount of precipitation received ranged anywhere from 1 to 6 inches with most reports being in the 1 to 4 inch range. Even though the moisture has been a detriment to crop producers, it has been beneficial to livestock. The rains have helped pasture growth and produced runoff into stock dams. Temperatures across most of the state last week ranged from 6 to 10 degrees above normal. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 20 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

Field Crops Report: Spring wheat seeding was 50 percent complete, behind last year at 98 percent and 67 percent average. Spring wheat was 10 percent emerged, behind last year at 87 percent and 42 percent average.

Durum wheat seeding was 35 percent complete, behind 91 percent for 2012 and 52 percent average. Durum wheat was 5 percent emerged, behind last year at 69 percent and 28 percent average.

Oats seeding advanced another 21 percentage points from last week with 51 percent rated complete, behind 94 percent last year and 67 percent average. Oats emerged were at 12 percent, behind last year at 81 percent and 38 percent average. Oats condition rated 2 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 9 percent excellent.

Barley seeding is now 33 percent complete, behind 97 percent for 2012 and 64 percent average. Barley emerged was 4 percent, behind last year at 83 percent and 37 percent average.

Canola seeding was 28 percent complete, behind last year at 94 percent and 57 percent for the average. Canola was 4 percent emerged, behind last year at 55 percent and 23 percent average.

Flaxseed seeding was 12 percent complete, behind 70 percent last year and 43 percent average. Flaxseed was 2 percent emerged, behind 18 percent for 2012 and 11 percent average.

Sugarbeet planting was 84 percent complete, behind last year at 100 percent and 82 percent average. Sugarbeets emerged were at 1 percent, behind 79 percent a year ago and 40 percent average.

Corn planting advanced 43 percentage points with 61 percent complete, behind 92 percent last year and 62 percent average. Corn emerged was 3 percent, behind 61 percent last year and 22 percent average.

Soybean planting was 19 percent complete, behind last year at 79 percent and 36 percent average.

Potato planting was 25 percent complete, behind last year at 88 percent and 52 percent average.

Dry edible pea planting was 52 percent complete, behind last year at 97 percent and 74 percent average.

Dry edible bean planting was 2 percent complete, behind last year at 54 percent and 20 percent average.

Sunflower planting was 9 percent complete, behind last year at 33 percent and 15 percent average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Calving was 96 percent complete, while lambing was 97 percent complete. Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 11 percent very short, 35 percent short, 52 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 41 percent good, and 3 percent excellent.

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-05-20-2013.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®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?ND,HP