



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service



News Release

PO BOX 3166, Fargo, ND 58108
Media Contact: Darin Jantzi (701) 239-5306

NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND October 28, 2013 – For the week ending October 27, 2013, little to no moisture was received across the state last week, according to the USDA, National Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. This dry weather allowed many producers to get into their fields and make good harvest progress. However, significant moisture received the first two weeks of October resulted in wet and muddy field conditions in some areas, which made for difficult harvest conditions. Harvest in some areas won't occur until the ground is frozen solid. Application of fertilizer was another field activity last week and will continue to be with favorable weather. Temperatures for the week were 2 to 8 degrees below normal over much of the state. Statewide, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 80 adequate, and 17 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 84 adequate, and 11 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat emerged was estimated at 88 percent complete. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 22 fair, 66 good, and 11 excellent.

Canola harvested was 98 percent, behind last year's 100 and 100 average.

Flaxseed harvest was 93 percent complete, behind last year's 100 and 97 average.

Sugarbeets lifted were 95 percent, ahead of 88 last year and 92 average.

Corn harvest was 33 percent complete, well behind last year's 94 and 48 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 36 fair, 41 good, and 10 excellent.

Soybean harvest was 73 percent complete, well behind last year's 100 and 80.

Potatoes dug were 97 percent, ahead of 95 last year and near 98 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 11 poor, 43 fair, 42 good, and 2 excellent.

Dry edible bean harvest was 89 percent complete, behind last year's 100 but near 89 average.

Sunflowers harvested were 12 percent, well behind 83 last year and 42 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 25 fair, 54 good, and 10 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 22 fair, 56 good, and 14 excellent. Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 13 fair, 72 good, and 13 excellent. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 15 fair, 75 good, and 8 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 88 adequate, and 10 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-10-28-2013.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