



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND September 16, 2013 – For the week ending September 15, 2013, significant rainfall was received over much of the state last week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. While last week's moisture was needed and welcomed, it did slow down the last of the small grain harvest. Some reports indicated that the moisture was received too late to help row crop development, while others mentioned it could still help put on test weight. Temperatures remained warm across the state last week with averages 1 to 5 degrees above normal. Statewide, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 20 short, 67 adequate, and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 24 short, 66 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat seeding was estimated at 25 percent complete.

Spring wheat harvested was 88 percent, behind last year's 100 but near 86 average.

Durum wheat harvested was 63 percent, well behind last year's 99 and 74 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 51 good, and 30 excellent.

Oats harvested were 97 percent, behind last year's 100 but near 95 average.

Barley harvested was 91 percent, behind last year's 100 and 96 average.

Canola harvested was 74 percent, well behind last year's 100 but equal to 74 average.

Flaxseed turning color was 95 percent, behind 100 last year and 99 average. Harvest was 37 percent complete, well behind last year's 91 and 53 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 22 fair, 64 good, and 8 excellent.

Lentils harvested were 83 percent, well behind 100 last year and 93 average.

Sugarbeets lifted were 6 percent, behind 14 last year but near 7 average. Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 7 poor, 37 fair, 48 good, and 8 excellent.

Corn reaching the dough stage was 97 percent, behind 100 last year but ahead of 93 average. Dented was 70 percent, well behind 97 last year but near 71 average. Mature was 9 percent, also well behind 75 last year and 26 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 14 poor, 39 fair, 37 good, and 7 excellent.

Soybeans dropping leaves were 59 percent, well behind 90 last year, but ahead of 44 average. Condition rated 4 percent very poor, 17 poor, 41 fair, 35 good, and 3 excellent.

Potatoes at the vines killed stage were 48 percent, well behind 83 last year and 68 average. Condition rated 6 percent very poor, 14 poor, 39 fair, 36 good, and 5 excellent.

Dry edible peas harvested were 97 percent, behind last year's 100 and 99 average.

Dry edible beans dropping leaves were 83 percent, behind 98 last year but ahead of 73 average. Harvest was 25 percent complete, well behind last year's 68 but near 24 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 12 poor, 39 fair, 40 good, and 7 excellent.

Sunflower ray flowers dry were 81 percent, well behind 97 last year and 88 average. Bracts yellow were 36 percent, also well behind 83 last year and 59 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 21 fair, 57 good, and 17 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions had little change with 3 percent rated very poor, 11 poor, 26 fair, 48 good, and 12 excellent. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 9 short, 82 adequate, and 8 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-09-16-2013.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