NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND September 23, 2013 – For the week ending September 22, 2013, no significant rainfall was received across the state last week other than a few isolated areas, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Even though very little moisture was received, harvest of the remaining small grains was slowed due to cool, damp days. Livestock producers were busy vaccinating calves in preparation for weaning and also moving hay supplies to winter feeding areas. After several weeks of temperatures being significantly above normal, last week's average temperatures across the state were only slightly above normal. Statewide, there were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 19 short, 70 adequate, and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 21 short, 70 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat seeding was estimated at 51 percent complete. Emerged was 11 percent.

Spring wheat harvested was 91 percent, behind last year's 100 but near 93 average.

Durum wheat harvested was 75 percent, well behind last year's 100 and 85 average.

Barley harvested was 95 percent, behind last year's 100 and 99 average.

Canola harvested was 82 percent, behind last year's 100 and 87 average.

Flaxseed harvest was 53 percent complete, well behind last year's 97 and 70 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 2 poor, 21 fair, 67 good, and 8 excellent.

Lentils harvested were 90 percent, behind 100 last year and 97 average.

Sugarbeets lifted were 10 percent, behind 17 last year but equal to 10 average. Sugarbeet condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 30 fair, 53 good, and 11 excellent.

Corn reaching the dent stage was 90 percent, behind 100 last year but ahead of 86 average. Mature was 24 percent, well behind 90 last year and 40 average. Harvest was 1 percent complete, also well behind last year's 19 but near 4 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 14 poor, 36 fair, 38 good, and 9 excellent.

Soybeans dropping leaves were 82 percent, well behind 98 last year, but ahead of 70 average. Harvest was 3 percent complete, also well behind last year's 52 and 12 average. Condition rated 5 percent very poor, 17 poor, 40 fair, 35 good, and 3 excellent.

Potatoes with vines killed were 56 percent, well behind 95 last year and 84 average. Dug were 11 percent, well behind 49 last year and 38 average. Condition rated 6 percent very poor, 15 poor, 40 fair, 35 good, and 4 excellent.

Dry edible beans dropping leaves were 92 percent, behind 100 last year but ahead of 87 average. Harvest was 40 percent complete, well behind last year's 87 but equal to 40 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 10 poor, 39 fair, 43 good, and 7 excellent.

Sunflowers with ray flowers dry were 88 percent, behind 100 last year and 96 average. Bracts yellow were 52 percent, well behind 96 last year and 79 average. Bracts brown were 14 percent, also well behind 75 last year and 36 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 60 good, and 16 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions had little change with 2 percent rated very poor, 8 poor, 27 fair, 52 good, and 11 excellent. Stock water supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 7 short, 90 adequate, and 2 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-09-23-2013.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

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:
http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?ND,HP