



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND August 11, 2014 – For the week ending August 10, 2014, most of North Dakota received little to no precipitation last week with the exception of 1 to 2 inches in the southwest portion of the state, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Reports indicated that the persistent dry weather in the major row crop producing areas of the state was starting to impact crop development and significant moisture was needed soon. Average temperatures were near normal. Statewide, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 14 short, 77 adequate, and 8 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 10 short, 82 adequate, and 7 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat turning color advanced to 96 percent. Mature was 45 percent. Harvested was 3 percent. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 29 fair, 52 good, and 8 excellent.

Durum wheat headed rated 93 percent, behind 100 last year and 98 for the five-year average. Turning color was 48 percent, behind 55 last year, but near 49 average. Mature was 3 percent. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 75 good, and 9 excellent.

Spring wheat turning color was 72 percent, near 70 last year and equal to average. Mature was 21 percent. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 14 fair, 63 good, and 20 excellent.

Barley turning color was 86 percent, near both last year and average at 83. Mature was 37 percent. Harvested was 2 percent, near 4 last year, but well behind 24 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 66 good, and 15 excellent.

Oats headed was 96 percent, near 99 last year and 100 average. Turning color was 75 percent, behind 81 last year and 79 average. Mature was 30 percent. Harvested was 3 percent, behind 9 last year and 22 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 1 poor, 9 fair, 80 good, and 9 excellent.

Canola turning color was 64 percent, ahead of 56 last year, but near 67 average. Conditions were 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 11 fair, 66 good, and 22 excellent.

Flaxseed blooming was 95 percent, near last year at 96 and 97 average. Turning color was 39 percent, ahead of 23 last year, but near 38 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 15 fair, 72 good, and 11 excellent.

Dry edible peas dropping leaves were 15 percent. Conditions were 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 66 good, and 11 excellent.

Dry beans blooming were 94 percent, ahead of last year at 86, but near 95 average. Setting pods was 64 percent, ahead of last year at 57, but behind 77 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 24 fair, 54 good, and 15 excellent.

Potatoes at the rows filled stage was 78 percent, ahead of 67 last year, but behind 87 average. Conditions were 4 percent very poor, 8 poor, 28 fair, 51 good, and 9 excellent.

Corn silking was 85 percent, behind 90 last year, but near 88 average. Corn in the dough stage was 13 percent, ahead of 9 last year, but behind 26 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 55 good, and 22 excellent.

Soybeans blooming were 95 percent, ahead of 91 last year, but equal to average. Setting pods was 75 percent, ahead of last year at 65, but near 76 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 23 fair, 58 good, and 15 excellent.

Sunflowers blooming were 44 percent, ahead of last year at 34, but behind 55 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 19 fair, 70 good, and 10 excellent.

Sugarbeet conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 31 fair, 51 good, and 10 excellent.

Second cutting of alfalfa was 42 percent complete, behind last year and average at 57. Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 11 fair, 66 good, and 19 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 13 fair, 61 good, and 22 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 85 adequate, and 12 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://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2014/CropProg-08-11-2014.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/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?ND>