



# News Release

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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND August 25, 2014 – For the week ending August 24, 2014, heavy rainfall last week halted small grain harvest, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Almost the entire state received at least an inch of moisture last week, with areas in the southwest reporting totals of 4 to 5 inches. The moisture was needed for row crop development. However, flooding in localized areas caused losses of hay, fencing, and crops. Statewide, there were 3.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 72 adequate, and 21 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 80 adequate, and 13 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat mature was 95 percent. Harvested was 40 percent. Conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 15 poor, 30 fair, 44 good, and 6 excellent.

Durum wheat turning color was 85 percent, near 88 last year and 86 for the five-year average. Mature was 49 percent. Harvested was 9 percent, near 11 last year, but behind 25 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 18 fair, 73 good, and 7 excellent.

Spring wheat turning color was 94 percent, equal to last year and near 95 average. Mature was 63 percent. Harvested was 10 percent, behind 25 last year and well behind 43 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 17 fair, 61 good, and 19 excellent.

Barley mature was 87 percent. Harvested was 26 percent, behind 33 last year and well behind 55 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 19 fair, 65 good, and 14 excellent.

Oats turning color was 93 percent, behind 99 last year, but near 96 average. Mature was 74 percent. Harvested was 28 percent, behind 46 last year and 53 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 2 poor, 12 fair, 71 good, and 13 excellent.

Canola turning color was 92 percent, ahead of 87 last year, but near 91 average. Harvested was 8 percent, behind 11 last year and 25 average. Conditions were 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 12 fair, 67 good, and 19 excellent.

Flaxseed turning color was 79 percent, ahead of 73 last year, but near 80 average. Harvested was 1 percent, near 2 last year, but behind 13 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 18 fair, 71 good, and 9 excellent.

Dry edible peas dropping leaves were 86 percent. Harvested was 35 percent, behind 59 last year and well behind 67 average. Conditions were 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 65 good, and 11 excellent.

Dry beans setting pods was 90 percent, near last year at 89, but behind 96 average. Dropping leaves was 28 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 18 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 24 fair, 57 good, and 11 excellent.

Potatoes at the rows filled stage was 94 percent, near 92 last year, but behind 98 average. Conditions were 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 28 fair, 53 good, and 10 excellent.

Corn in the dough stage was 57 percent, ahead of 53 last year, but behind 61 average. Dented was 2 percent, near last year at 4, but behind 20 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 17 fair, 56 good, and 22 excellent.

Soybeans setting pods was 94 percent, ahead of last year at 91, but near 96 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 59 good, and 16 excellent.

Sunflowers blooming were 92 percent, ahead of last year at 86, but near 93 average. Ray flowers dried were 3 percent, behind last year at 9 and 22 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 16 fair, 70 good, and 13 excellent.

Sugarbeet conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 29 fair, 53 good, and 10 excellent.

Second cutting of alfalfa was 66 percent complete, behind last year at 88 and average at 85. Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 12 fair, 63 good, and 21 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 14 fair, 61 good, and 22 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 84 adequate, and 14 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-08-25-2014.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&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=ND&region=HPRCC)

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:  
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