



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND August 4, 2014 – For the week ending August 3, 2014, the south central part of the state was the only area that received significant moisture, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average temperatures were below normal across most of the state last week. Reports indicated that warmer weather was needed to push development of late planted crops. Statewide, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 14 short, 76 adequate, and 9 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 8 short, 81 adequate, and 10 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat turning color advanced to 90 percent. Mature was 16 percent. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 29 fair, 51 good, and 9 excellent.

Durum wheat jointed was 96 percent, behind 100 last year and 99 for the five-year average. Headed rated 71 percent, behind 98 last year and 92 average. Turning color was 24 percent, behind 42 last year and 32 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 79 good, and 5 excellent.

Spring wheat headed rated 96 percent, near 97 last year and 98 average. Turning color was 50 percent, near 51 last year and 54 average. Mature was 5 percent. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 13 fair, 66 good, and 18 excellent.

Barley headed rated 96 percent, near last year and average at 99. Turning color was 62 percent, ahead of 60 last year, but behind 64 average. Mature was 9 percent. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 68 good, and 13 excellent.

Oats headed was 93 percent, behind 96 last year and 98 average. Turning color was 57 percent, near 55 last year and 59 average. Mature was 8 percent. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 1 poor, 9 fair, 80 good, and 9 excellent.

Canola turning color was 44 percent, ahead of 36 last year, but behind 48 average. Conditions were 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 65 good, and 20 excellent.

Flaxseed blooming was 92 percent, near last year at 93 and equal to average. Turning color was 15 percent, equal to last year, but behind 24 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 15 fair, 73 good, and 10 excellent.

Dry edible peas conditions were 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 68 good, and 9 excellent.

Dry beans blooming were 81 percent, ahead of last year at 77, but behind 88 average. Setting pods was 44 percent, ahead of last year at 38, but behind 55 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 23 fair, 56 good, and 15 excellent.

Potatoes blooming were 95 percent, near last year at 97, but behind 99 average. Rows filled was 51 percent, near 50 last year, but well behind 73 average. Conditions were 4 percent very poor, 8 poor, 29 fair, 50 good, and 9 excellent.

Corn silking was 65 percent, behind 77 last year and 73 average. Corn in the dough stage was 1 percent, behind 3 last year and 14 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 17 fair, 55 good, and 24 excellent.

Soybeans blooming were 90 percent, ahead of 84 last year, but near 89 average. Setting pods was 57 percent, ahead of last year at 45, but near 58 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 23 fair, 59 good, and 15 excellent.

Sunflowers blooming were 21 percent, ahead of last year at 14, but behind 32 average. Conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 20 fair, 69 good, and 10 excellent.

Sugarbeet conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 27 fair, 55 good, and 10 excellent.

First cutting of alfalfa was 98 percent complete, near last year and average at 99. Second cutting of alfalfa was 28 percent complete, behind last year at 39 and 43 average. Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 9 fair, 70 good, and 18 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 12 fair, 64 good, and 22 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 83 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-08-04-2014.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>