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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND October 20, 2014 – For the week ending October 19, 2014, dry and unseasonably warm weather allowed producers to make good harvest progress, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures averaged 2 to 8 degrees above normal with insignificant amounts of moisture reported in the northern part of the state. Some producers were waiting to begin corn harvest until their crop naturally dried down to lower moisture levels. In addition to weaning calves, livestock producers were also hauling hay. Statewide, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 10 short, 82 adequate, and 8 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 7 short, 85 adequate, and 8 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planting was 97 percent complete, ahead of 83 last year. Emerged was 77 percent, ahead of 66 last year.

Durum wheat harvest was 97 percent complete, near 95 last year and 99 for the five-year average.

Flaxseed harvested was 91 percent, ahead of 83 last year, but near 93 average.

Lentil harvest advanced to 98 percent complete, near 96 last year and 99 average.

Dry beans harvested was 92 percent, ahead of 86 last year and 87 average.

Potato harvest was 93 percent complete, ahead of last year at 87, but near 94 average.

Corn mature was 84 percent, behind 94 last year, but near 85 average. Harvested was 7 percent complete, behind 13 last year and well behind 37 average. Conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 18 fair, 58 good, and 17 excellent.

Soybean harvest advanced to 83 percent complete, well ahead of 52 last year, and ahead of 71 average.

Sunflowers at the bracts brown stage were 95 percent, near 92 last year and 97 average. Harvest was 11 percent complete, ahead of 5 last year, but behind 27 average. Conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 61 good, and 13 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 21 fair, 61 good, and 12 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-10-20-2014.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>

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