



# News Release

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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, May 4, 2015 – For the week ending May 3, 2015, spring fieldwork was active with good progress made on planting of spring crops, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall was light and scattered, occurring mostly in eastern areas. Temperatures, which averaged four to six degrees above normal, aided emergence of small grains. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.5. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 35 short, 58 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 24 short, 70 adequate, and 3 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 9 poor, 36 fair, 49 good, and 5 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 22 percent, ahead of 1 last year.

Durum wheat planted was 26 percent, ahead of 1 last year and the five-year average of 13.

Spring wheat planted was 65 percent, well ahead of 5 last year and 27 average. Emerged was 16 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 9 average.

Barley planted was 54 percent, well ahead of 3 last year and 21 average. Emerged was 15 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 5 average.

Oats planted at 54 percent was well ahead of 6 last year and 22 average. Emerged was 16 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 6 average.

Corn planted was 50 percent, well ahead of 0 last year and 18 average.

Soybeans planted was 13 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 2 average.

Canola planted was 28 percent, ahead of 1 last year and 11 average.

Flaxseed planted was 9 percent, ahead of 0 last year, and near 7 average.

Dry edible peas planted was 51 percent complete, well ahead of 3 last year and 21 average. Emerged was 10 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 4 average.

Potatoes planted was 30 percent, ahead of 1 last year and 18 average.

Sugarbeets planted was 95 percent, well ahead of last year at 6 and 40 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 10 poor, 35 fair, 49 good, and 5 excellent

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 9 short, 82 adequate, and 8 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/2015/CropProg-05-04-2015.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:*

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?ND>