



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, September 28, 2015 – For the week ending September 27, 2015, precipitation amounts of one to two inches were received in the northern and eastern portions of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, the remainder of the State received little to no rainfall. Overall, conditions for harvesting row crops were favorable as average temperatures were six to ten degrees above normal and the major production areas were mostly dry. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 30 short, 61 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 27 short, 66 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 72 percent, equal to last year. Emerged was 15 percent, near 17 last year.

Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 8 poor, 21 fair, 58 good, and 12 excellent. Corn dented was 97 percent, ahead of 89 last year, but near the five-year average of 95. Mature was 50 percent, ahead of 27 last year, but behind 57 average. Harvested was 3 percent, near 0 last year and 6 average.

Soybean condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 27 fair, 55 good, and 8 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 95 percent, ahead of 85 last year and 90 average. Harvested was 33 percent, well ahead of 8 last year, and ahead of 22 average.

Canola harvested was 93 percent, near 92 last year and 91 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 9 poor, 19 fair, 64 good, and 8 excellent. Sunflowers bracts turning yellow was 89 percent, well ahead of 62 last year, and ahead of 81 average. Bracts turning brown was 65 percent, well ahead of 24 last year and 45 average. Harvested was 1 percent, near 0 last year and 2 average.

Flaxseed harvested was 93 percent, well ahead of 68 last year, and ahead of 74 average.

Dry edible beans harvested was 88 percent, well ahead of 44 last year and 56 average.

Lentils harvested was 98 percent, well ahead of 71 last year, and ahead of 91 average.

Potato condition rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 27 fair, 53 good, and 9 excellent. Potatoes vines dry was 96 percent, ahead of 87 last year and 89 average. Harvested was 58 percent, well ahead of 32 last year, and ahead of 43 average.

Sugarbeet condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 14 fair, 53 good, and 31 excellent. Sugarbeets harvested was 17 percent, ahead of 9 last year, but near 13 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 13 poor, 37 fair, 45 good, and 4 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 19 short, 76 adequate, and 4 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-09-28-2015.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

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

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