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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Fargo, ND – For the week ending October 23, 2016, ideal weather conditions across most of North Dakota allowed producers to make good harvest progress, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The only area that received any significant amount of moisture was the extreme south central portion of the State, where as much as half an inch of rain fell. Livestock producers were busy weaning calves, completing fall vaccinations and hauling hay. Cattle were being moved to fall pastures and harvested fields for grazing. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 11 short, 75 adequate, and 12 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 12 short, 72 adequate, and 13 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 15 fair, 59 good, and 22 excellent. Corn mature was 98 percent, near 99 last year and 97 for the five-year average. Harvested was 39 percent, behind 56 last year and 51 average.

Soybeans harvested was 94 percent, near 97 last year, but ahead of 88 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 23 fair, 66 good, and 6 excellent. Sunflowers bracts turning brown was 98 percent, equal to both last year and average. Harvested was 38 percent, behind 46 last year, but equal to average.

Dry edible beans harvested was 93 percent.

Potatoes harvested was 89 percent, behind 95 both last year and average.

Sugarbeets harvested was 96 percent, near 100 last year and 94 average.

Winter wheat planted was 94 percent, behind 99 last year. Emerged was 87 percent, near 85 last year.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 13 poor, 30 fair, 48 good, and 4 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 18 short, 75 adequate, and 2 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/2016/CropProg-10-24-2016.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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