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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, N.D. July 24, 2017 - For the week ending July 23, 2017, much needed rainfall was received in North Dakota, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The amount of moisture received ranged from a quarter of an inch to two inches. However, much more is needed to help crop development, improve pasture conditions, and increase water supplies. Conditions have been favorable for spraying crops. Temperatures for the week averaged one to three degrees above normal in the east, while the west averaged three to five degrees above normal. There were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 31 percent very short, 36 short, 32 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 24 percent very short, 38 short, 37 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 10 percent very poor, 13 poor, 33 fair, 41 good, and 3 excellent. Corn silking was 29 percent, behind 42 both last year and for the five-year average.

Soybean condition rated 7 percent very poor, 16 poor, 36 fair, 39 good, and 2 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 65 percent, behind 79 last year and 75 average. Setting pods was 18 percent, behind 34 last year and 33 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 19 percent very poor, 21 poor, 31 fair, 29 good, and 0 excellent. Winter wheat coloring was 91 percent, near 92 last year. Mature was 54 percent. Harvested was 12 percent, equal to last year.

Spring wheat condition rated 19 percent very poor, 20 poor, 29 fair, 29 good, and 3 excellent. Spring wheat headed was 97 percent, near 98 last year and 93 average. Coloring was 56 percent, behind 69 last year, but ahead of 48 average.

Barley condition rated 11 percent very poor, 15 poor, 34 fair, 37 good, and 3 excellent. Barley headed was 98 percent, equal to last year, but ahead of 93 average. Coloring was 71 percent, behind 83 last year, but ahead of 56 average. Mature was 16 percent.

Oats condition rated 29 percent very poor, 25 poor, 29 fair, 16 good, and 1 excellent. Oats headed was 96 percent, near 97 last year and 92 average. Coloring was 67 percent, behind 75 last year, but ahead of 52 average. Mature was 25 percent. Harvested was 1 percent, well behind 23 last year, and behind 9 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 19 percent very poor, 18 poor, 39 fair, 23 good, and 1 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 15 percent, behind 21 last year, but near 14 average.

Dry edible beans condition rated 5 percent very poor, 15 poor, 30 fair, 42 good, and 8 excellent. Dry edible beans blooming was 75 percent, near 71 last year, and ahead of 66 average.

Durum wheat condition rated 13 percent very poor, 26 poor, 47 fair, 14 good, and 0 excellent. Durum wheat headed was 93 percent, near 95 last year, but ahead of 81 average. Coloring was 45 percent, near 49 last year, but ahead of 30 average.

Canola condition rated 12 percent very poor, 19 poor, 33 fair, 35 good, and 1 excellent. Canola blooming was 98 percent. Coloring was 27 percent, well behind 47 last year, and behind 32 average.

Flaxseed condition rated 19 percent very poor, 29 poor, 39 fair, 12 good, and 1 excellent. Flaxseed blooming was 90 percent, behind 96 last year, but near 87 average. Coloring was 24 percent, near 26 last year.

Dry edible peas condition rated 13 percent very poor, 26 poor, 47 fair, 14 good, and 0 excellent. Dry edible peas blooming was 98 percent. Dropping leaves was 40 percent, behind 48 last year. Harvested was 3 percent, near 5 last year.

Potato condition rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 21 fair, 53 good, and 18 excellent. Potatoes blooming was 77 percent, behind 96 last year and 86 average. Rows closed was 48 percent, behind 55 last year, but near 47 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 46 percent very poor, 26 poor, 21 fair, 7 good, and 0 excellent. Alfalfa first cutting was 97 percent complete. Second cutting was 33 percent, near 37 last year.

Sugarbeets condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 8 fair, 44 good, and 48 excellent.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 44 percent very poor, 31 poor, 20 fair, 5 good, and 0 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 23 percent very short, 33 short, 43 adequate, and 1 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/2017/CropProg-07-24-2017.pdf

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at: http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps

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