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Barley Crop is good despite dry conditions

In Dazey, ND the year has been extremely dry. In fact the National Weather Service reports that the area has had about half the normal precipitation in this crop year. But, according to Jim Broten, his barley crop looks better than expected. Yields and quality were both good, which Jim says is the result of breeding programs that have improved barley varieties over the years. He states that “twenty years ago, with the dry conditions this year, we would have had half the yield.” Jim also says that he has finished his winter wheat and canola harvests and that a few more dry days are needed to complete the spring wheat harvest.

Percent Harvested		Crop Condition as of September 11, 2009			
As of September 11, 2009	5 year average	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
74	94	1	8	74	17

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service. 2009.