



# News Release

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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, August 18, 2014 – For the week ending August 17, 2014, temperatures were above normal in the western part of the State but below normal across the east. Scattered rain showers were reported in many areas, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 23 short, 73 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 22 short, 75 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat harvested was 88 percent, near 85 last year, but behind 95 for the five-year average.

Spring wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 24 fair, 62 good, and 12 excellent. Coloring was 97 percent. Mature was 80 percent, behind last year at 90 and 96 average. Spring wheat harvested was 35 percent, behind last year at 49 and well behind 75 average.

Oats mature was 94 percent, near last year at 95 and 96 average. Oats harvested was 79 percent, ahead of last year at 73, but behind 83 average.

Barley conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 22 fair, 65 good, and 13 excellent. Coloring was 97 percent, near both last year and average at 99. Barley mature was 69 percent, well behind 90 last year and 91 average. Barley harvested was 30 percent, behind 38 last year and well behind 62 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 24 fair, 56 good, and 13 excellent. Corn in the dough stage was 59 percent, near 60 last year, but ahead of 53 average. Corn dented was 5 percent, near 4 last year, but behind 12 average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 22 fair, 57 good, and 13 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 98 percent, near 95 last year and equal to average. Setting pods was 81 percent, ahead of 72 last year, but near 83 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 13 fair, 82 good, and 4 excellent. Sorghum was 89 percent headed, equal to last year but ahead of 84 average. Sorghum coloring was 19 percent, ahead of 15 last year, but behind 26 average.

Sunflowers conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 1 poor, 25 fair, 69 good, and 4 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 69 percent, near 66 last year, but behind 76 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 8 poor, 22 fair, 50 good, and 20 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 81 percent complete, behind 93 last year and 92 average. Third cutting was 23 percent complete, behind 27 last year and 33 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 22 fair, 54 good, and 13 excellent.

Stock water supplies were 2 percent very short, 15 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

*Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency, SDSU Extension Service and other reporters across the state.*

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2014/CropProg-08-18-2014.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=SD&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=SD&region=HPRCC)

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

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

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