



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, September 8, 2014 – For the week ending September 7, 2014, below normal temperatures persisted across most areas of the state, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rain was reported in the southeast portion of the state. Statewide, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 14 short, 82 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 13 short, 83 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 4 percent, equal to last year, but behind 10 for the five-year average.

Spring wheat harvested was 88 percent, behind last year and average at 99.

Barley mature was 98 percent. Barley harvested was 89 percent, behind 96 last year and 98 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 20 fair, 57 good, and 16 excellent. Corn in the dough stage was 96 percent, near 97 last year and 94 average. Dented was 63 percent, equal to last year, but behind 68 average. Corn mature was 5 percent, near 4 last year, but behind 12 average.

Soybean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 19 fair, 59 good, and 16 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 12 percent, behind 25 last year and 39 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 12 fair, 79 good, and 8 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 69 percent, behind 72 last year and 79 average. Mature was 2 percent, near 6 last year, but behind 13 average.

Sunflower conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 35 fair, 58 good, and 5 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 98 percent, equal to last year and near 99 average. Ray flowers dried was at 47 percent, behind 57 last year and 65 average. Bracts turning yellow was 12 percent, near 9 last year, but behind 32 average. Turning brown was 1 percent complete.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 5 poor, 24 fair, 51 good, and 20 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 98 percent complete. Third cutting was 48 percent complete, well behind 79 last year and 72 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 26 fair, 56 good, and 12 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 4 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-09-08-2014.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®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

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