



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, December 1, 2014 – For the week ending November 30, 2014, below normal temperatures in the eastern portion of the state and above normal temperatures in the west dominated the weather pattern, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 19 short, 76 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 19 short, 76 adequate, and 1 surplus.

This is the last weekly Crop Progress and Condition report for the 2014 growing season. We would like to extend our appreciation to the dedicated county FSA and extension staff who supplied the necessary information for these reports. For December through March, we will issue monthly reports. The first monthly report (December) will be issued January 5, 2015. Weekly reports will begin April 6th for the 2015 season.

Field Crops Report: Sunflowers harvested was 95 percent, ahead of 93 last year, but near the five-year average of 97.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 33 fair, 48 good, and 8 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 15 percent short, 74 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.

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http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=SD®ion=HPRCC

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