



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, August 10, 2015 - For the week ending August 9, 2015, late-week storms brought rain and some hail to parts of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall amounts varied with the heaviest precipitation occurring across the north and east central. Small grain harvest was ongoing. Producers were scouting and spraying for aphids and grasshoppers in some locations. There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 25 short, 65 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 26 short, 66 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 62 good, and 15 excellent. Corn silking was at 94 percent, equal to last year, but near 91 for the five-year average. Dough was at 35 percent, near 37 last year and 34 average. Dented was at 1 percent, equal to last year, and near 4 average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 60 good, and 16 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 90 percent, near 93 last year and the average. Setting pods was at 71 percent, ahead of 62 last year and 63 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 30 fair, 56 good, and 6 excellent. Spring wheat coloring was at 97 percent, ahead of 92 last year, but equal to the average. Mature was at 86 percent, well ahead of 59 last year, and ahead of 79 average. Harvested was at 53 percent, well ahead of 10 last year, and ahead of 45 average.

Winter wheat harvested was at 91 percent, ahead of 72 last year and 86 average.

Oats condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 22 fair, 62 good, and 12 excellent. Oats mature was at 94 percent, ahead of 78 last year and 88 average. Harvested was at 81 percent, well ahead of 59 last year, and ahead of 70 average.

Barley condition rated 3 percent very poor, 3 poor, 15 fair, 65 good, and 14 excellent. Barley coloring was 93 percent, well ahead of 72 last year, but equal to the average. Mature was at 67 percent, well ahead of 45 last year, but behind 74 average. Harvested was at 55 percent.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 27 fair, 67 good, and 5 excellent. Sorghum headed was 81 percent, ahead of 72 last year and 73 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 27 fair, 68 good, and 3 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was at 55 percent, ahead of 39 last year and 45 average.

Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 27 fair, 56 good, and 10 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting rated 74 percent complete, near 73 last year, but behind 85 average. Third cutting was at 10 percent, near 11 last year, but behind 21 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions were rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 28 fair, 55 good, and 6 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 18 short, 72 adequate, and 4 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 Crop Progress and Condition Report at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2015/CropProg-08-10-2015.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>

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