



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, August 31, 2015 - For the week ending August 30, 2015, Thursday's storms brought significant rainfall to portions of south central and southeast South Dakota, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Generally, cooler temperatures prevailed across much of the east during the week; however, by Sunday daytime highs in the mid to upper 90's were recorded across central and western areas. Silage cutting was underway, as was the fourth cutting of alfalfa in some areas. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 22 short, 69 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 23 short, 69 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 17 fair, 59 good, and 18 excellent. Corn dough was at 90 percent, near 88 last year and equal to the five-year average. Dented was at 49 percent, ahead of 37 last year, but near 47 average. Mature was at 3 percent, near 1 last year and 4 average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 18 fair, 58 good, and 19 excellent. Soybeans setting pods was at 95 percent, near 96 last year and 97 average. Dropping leaves was at 19 percent, ahead of 4 last year, but near 16 average.

Spring wheat harvested was at 95 percent, well ahead of 66 last year, and ahead of 90 average.

Barley mature was at 96 percent, near 93 last year and 98 average. Harvested was at 80 percent, ahead of 75 last year, but behind 88 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 27 fair, 66 good, and 6 excellent. Sorghum headed was 95 percent, near 97 last year and 98 average. Coloring was at 51 percent, behind 57 last year and 58 average. Mature rated 2 percent, near 1 last year and 3 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 19 fair, 75 good, and 4 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was at 97 percent, near 93 last year, and equal to the average. Ray flowers dried was at 33 percent, ahead of 15 last year, but near 31 average.

Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 27 fair, 57 good, and 11 excellent. Alfalfa hay third cutting was at 47 percent, ahead of 37 last year, but behind 56 average. Fourth cutting was at 2 percent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions were rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 29 fair, 54 good, and 7 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 18 short, 74 adequate, and 3 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-08-31-2015.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

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