



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD, September 22, 2014 – For the week ending September 21, 2014, above normal temperatures and very little rainfall occurred across most areas of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 12 short, 85 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 13 short, 83 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 38 percent, near 39 last year and the five-year average of 41. Emerged was 1 percent, near 5 last year, but behind 8 average.

Spring wheat harvested was 97 percent, near 100 last year and average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 19 fair, 59 good, and 15 excellent. Dented was 93 percent, near 89 last year and 90 average. Corn mature was 22 percent, behind 37 last year and well behind 44 average.

Soybean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 61 good, and 14 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 56 percent, behind 68 last year and 77 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 13 fair, 78 good, and 7 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 88 percent, near 92 last year, but behind 94 average. Mature was 15 percent, behind 30 last year and 39 average. Harvest was 1 percent, near 3 last year, but behind 10 average.

Sunflower conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 35 fair, 57 good, and 5 excellent. Ray flowers dried was 75 percent, behind 90 last year and 94 average. Bracts turning yellow was 51 percent, behind 59 last year and well behind 74 average. Turning brown was 13 percent complete.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 21 fair, 56 good, and 19 excellent. Third cutting was 70 percent complete, well behind 90 last year and 84 average. Fourth cutting was 10 percent complete.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 24 fair, 58 good, and 12 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 84 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-09-22-2014.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>