



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, February 29, 2016 – For the month of February 2016 temperatures were six to eight degrees above normal for many South Dakota locations, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The warmer weather, particularly late in the month, decreased the snow cover substantially and was beneficial for calving and lambing. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 21 short, 72 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 24 short, 66 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 30 fair, 62 good, and 7 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 16 fair, 74 good, and 10 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 52 average, and 48 light. Caving progress, rated 6 percent complete.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 19 fair, 67 good, and 13 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss was 0 percent heavy, 53 average, and 47 light. Lambing progress, was 15 percent complete.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 3 short, 84 adequate, and 12 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 21 short, 68 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 High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:
<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

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