



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, April 11, 2016 – For the week ending April 10, 2016, cool temperatures and strong winds persisted, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. High wind warnings and advisories were common throughout the week as wind speeds of 20 to 40 mph with higher gusts affected most of the State. Minimal precipitation was received statewide; however, the cool weather slowed spring tillage and small grain seeding. There were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 23 short, 68 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 23 short, 69 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 35 fair, 59 good, and 5 excellent.

Spring wheat planted was at 29 percent, behind 36 last year, but ahead of the five-year average of 22.

Oats planted was at 31 percent, near 34 last year, but ahead of 24 average. Emerged was at 3 percent, near 4 last year and 5 average.

Barley planted was at 7 percent, behind 12 last year, but near 10 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 15 fair, 77 good, and 8 excellent. Calving was 53 percent complete, equal to last year, and near 54 average. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 58 average, and 42 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 22 fair, 71 good, and 7 excellent. Lambing was 59 percent complete, behind 78 last year and 71 average. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 71 average, and 29 light. Sheep shorn was at 38 percent, well behind 73 last year, but ahead of 24 average.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 88 adequate, and 8 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 18 short, 77 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/2016/CropProg-04-11-2016.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>

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