



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD, April 20, 2015 – For the week ending April 19, 2015, temperatures were six to eight degrees above normal across the eastern two-thirds of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The western third saw temperatures two to four degrees above normal. Despite light rainfall during the week, soil moisture conditions remained dry across most of the State, which allowed corn planting to begin. Statewide, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 24 percent very short, 43 short, 32 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 21 percent very short, 44 short, 35 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn planted rated 5 percent, near 1 last year and the five-year average of 2.

Winter wheat condition rated 6 percent very poor, 24 poor, 45 fair, 25 good, and 0 excellent. Winter wheat jointed rated 3 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 1 average.

Oats planted rated 64 percent, well ahead of 34 last year and 38 average. Oats emerged rated 7 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but behind 12 average.

Barley planted rated 42 percent, well ahead of 5 last year and 20 average. Barley emerged rated 1 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but behind 8 average.

Spring wheat planted rated 73 percent, well ahead of 15 last year and 31 average.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 9 fair, 74 good, and 17 excellent. Calving progress rated 68 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 53 average, and 47 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 14 fair, 72 good, and 14 excellent. Lambing progress rated 81 percent complete. Sheep and lambs shorn was 80 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 51 average, and 49 light.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 10 short, 83 adequate, and 7 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 12 percent very short, 26 short, 61 adequate, and 1 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://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2015/CropProg-04-20-2015.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>