



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD, August 4, 2014 – For the week ending August 3, 2014, below normal temperatures and scattered rain showers occurred across South Dakota, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 29 short, 62 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 22 short, 72 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 21 fair, 62 good, and 14 excellent. Winter wheat mature was 93 percent, near 91 last year but behind the five-year average of 97. Harvested was 55 percent, ahead of 48 last year but well behind 76 average.

Spring wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 21 fair, 64 good, and 14 excellent. Coloring was 86 percent, behind 95 last year and 97 average. Mature was 30 percent, near last year at 32, but well behind 64 average.

Oat conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 69 good, and 14 excellent. Coloring was 90 percent, behind 97 last year and 95 average. Mature was 71 percent, near last year at 69, but behind 74 average. Oats harvested was 42 percent, near last year at 38, but behind 50 average.

Barley conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 21 fair, 66 good, and 13 excellent. Headed was 96 percent, behind both last year and the average of 100. Coloring was 45 percent, well behind 92 last year and 93 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 21 fair, 58 good, and 13 excellent. Corn silking was 88 percent, ahead of 84 last year and 72 average. Corn in the dough stage was 20 percent, ahead of both last year and average at 13.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 22 fair, 58 good, and 11 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 89 percent, near 87 last year and 86 average. Setting pods was 51 percent, ahead of 34 last year and 43 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 13 fair, 80 good, and 5 excellent. Sorghum was 60 percent headed, near 62 last year but ahead of 49 average. Sorghum coloring was 5 percent, near 4 last year and 6 average.

Sunflowers conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 24 fair, 66 good, and 7 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 23 percent, near 20 last year and 24 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 12 poor, 17 fair, 49 good, and 21 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 67 percent complete, behind 84 last year and 80 average. Third cutting was 3 percent complete, behind 7 last year and 14 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 10 poor, 20 fair, 53 good, and 16 excellent.

Stock water supplies were 2 percent very short, 16 percent short, 79 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-08-04-2014.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>