



News Release

PO BOX 5068, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5068
Media Contact: Carter Anderson (605) 323-6500

SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, August 11, 2014 – For the week ending August 10, 2014, below normal temperatures persisted across the state, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Scattered rain showers were reported in some areas of the state. Statewide, there were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 23 short, 74 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 21 short, 76 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 20 fair, 65 good, and 13 excellent. Winter wheat mature was 96 percent, near 98 last year and the five-year average of 99. Harvested was 75 percent, ahead of 70 last year but behind 88 average.

Spring wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 21 fair, 65 good, and 13 excellent. Coloring was 93 percent, behind 96 last year and 99 average. Mature was 64 percent, near last year at 66, but well behind 85 average. Spring wheat harvested was 11 percent, behind last year at 19 and well behind 55 average.

Oat conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 69 good, and 14 excellent. Coloring was 95 percent, near both last year and average at 98. Mature was 79 percent, behind last year at 91 and 90 average. Oats harvested was 62 percent, near last year at 61, but behind 70 average.

Barley conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 22 fair, 65 good, and 13 excellent. Coloring was 76 percent, well behind 98 last year and 97 average. Barley mature was 52 percent, well behind 87 last year and 78 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 22 fair, 58 good, and 13 excellent. Corn silking was 95 percent, equal to last year but ahead of 85 average. Corn in the dough stage was 40 percent, ahead of 29 last year and 31 average. Corn denting was 1 percent, equal to last year and near 4 average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 21 fair, 61 good, and 10 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 94 percent, near 92 last year and 93 average. Setting pods was 64 percent, ahead of 52 last year, but near 65 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 12 fair, 83 good, and 4 excellent. Sorghum was 74 percent headed, behind 80 last year but near 71 average. Sorghum coloring was 8 percent, behind 11 last year and 15 average.

Sunflowers conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 1 poor, 24 fair, 70 good, and 4 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 42 percent, ahead of 38 last year but behind 49 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 8 poor, 21 fair, 50 good, and 20 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 74 percent complete, behind 89 last year and 87 average. Third cutting was 12 percent complete, behind 17 last year and 23 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 9 poor, 23 fair, 54 good, and 13 excellent.

Stock water supplies were 2 percent very short, 15 percent short, 80 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-08-11-2014.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>

NASS provides accurate, timely, useful and objective statistics in service to U.S. agriculture. The Agency invites you to express your thoughts and provide occasional feedback on our products and services by joining a data user community. To join, sign in at <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/subscriptions> and look for "NASS Data User Community."