



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, September 2, 2014 – For the week ending August 31, 2014, below normal temperatures and scattered rainfall across most areas of the state slowed small grain harvest, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide, there were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 12 short, 83 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 14 short, 82 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat harvested was 97 percent, near 98 last year and 100 for the five-year average.

Spring wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 9 poor, 27 fair, 51 good, and 13 excellent. Mature was 97 percent, near last year at 98 and 100 average. Spring wheat harvested was 68 percent, well behind last year at 93 and 96 average.

Oats harvested was 97 percent, equal to last year and near 98 average.

Barley conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 64 good, and 13 excellent. Barley mature was 94 percent, behind 98 last year and average at 99. Barley harvested was 79 percent, behind 85 last year and 92 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 58 good, and 16 excellent. Corn in the dough stage was 89 percent, near 88 last year and 87 average. Corn dented was 41 percent, near 38 last year, but behind 46 average. Corn mature was 1 percent, equal to last year and near 4 average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 19 fair, 58 good, and 16 excellent. Setting pods was 96 percent, equal to last year, and near 97 average. Soybeans dropping leaves was 4 percent, near 7 last year, but behind 20 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 12 fair, 79 good, and 8 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 60 percent, ahead of 49 last year, but near 57 average. Mature was 1 percent, equal to last year and near 4 average.

Sunflower conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 40 fair, 54 good, and 4 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 94 percent, behind 97 last year and 98 average. Ray flowers dried was at 17 percent, equal to last year, but behind 38 average. Bracts turning yellow was 1 percent.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 5 poor, 24 fair, 52 good, and 19 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 94 percent complete, near 96 last year and 97 average. Third cutting was 38 percent complete, behind 69 last year and 61 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 26 fair, 56 good, and 12 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 4 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-09-02-2014.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>