



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, September 29, 2014 – For the week ending September 28, 2014, temperatures were well above normal temperatures, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The warmer weather helped advance row crop development. Statewide, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 17 short, 80 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated

1 percent very short, 15 short, 81 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 63 percent, equal to last year and near the five-year average of 61. Emerged was 14 percent, equal to last year, but behind 19 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 19 fair, 59 good, and 15 excellent. Dented was 96 percent, near 95 last year and equal to average. Corn mature was 48 percent, behind 62 last year and 65 average. Harvested was 2 percent, behind 10 last year and 14 average.

Soybean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 61 good, and 15 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 85 percent, equal to last year, but behind 90 average. Soybeans harvested was 7 percent, behind 12 last year and 22 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 13 fair, 78 good, and 7 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 92 percent, behind last year and average at 98. Mature was 27 percent, behind 55 last year and 59 average. Harvest was 3 percent, behind 10 last year and 16 average.

Sunflower conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 33 fair, 60 good, and 4 excellent. Ray flowers dried was 90 percent, behind 96 last year and 98 average. Bracts turning yellow was 75 percent, behind 83 last year and 86 average. Turning brown was 33 percent complete. Harvested was 1 percent, near 2 last year and 3 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 58 good, and 18 excellent. Third cutting was 88 percent complete, near 90 last year and 89 average. Fourth cutting was 27 percent complete.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 24 fair, 58 good, and 12 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 84 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-09-29-2014.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>