



# News Release

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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, October 6, 2014 – For the week ending October 5, 2014, temperatures averaged above normal in the southeastern part of the State and below normal elsewhere, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rain showers were common in the west. Statewide, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 15 short, 83 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 16 short, 81 adequate, and 2 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat planted was 79 percent, ahead of the five-year average of 74. Emerged was 35 percent, near 33 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 18 fair, 59 good, and 16 excellent. Corn mature was 72 percent, behind 82 average. Harvested was 5 percent, behind 23 average.

Soybean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 60 good, and 16 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 95 percent, near 97 average. Soybeans harvested was 25 percent, behind 45 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 13 fair, 78 good, and 7 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 95 percent, behind 100 average. Mature was 49 percent, well behind 79 average. Harvested was 9 percent, behind 27 average.

Sunflower conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 35 fair, 57 good, and 6 excellent. Ray flowers dried was 96 percent, near 100 average. Bracts turning yellow was 84 percent, behind 94 average. Turning brown was 56 percent complete. Harvested was 3 percent, behind 8 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 60 good, and 18 excellent. Third cutting was 90 percent complete, near average at 93. Fourth cutting was 42 percent complete.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 24 fair, 57 good, and 12 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

**Note:** Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

*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-10-06-2014.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&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=SD&region=HPRCC)

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?SD>