



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, October 14, 2014 – For the week ending October 12, 2014, below normal temperatures were recorded across the eastern part of the state and above normal in the west, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Dry conditions were reported in most areas which helped row crop harvest to advance. Statewide, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 19 short, 78 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 18 short, 80 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 90 percent, ahead of the five-year average of 84. Emerged was 54 percent, ahead of 47 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 19 fair, 59 good, and 15 excellent. Corn mature was 87 percent, behind 93 average. Harvested was 12 percent, well behind 32 average.

Soybean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 17 fair, 60 good, and 18 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 99 percent, equal to average. Soybeans harvested was 66 percent, near 65 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 13 fair, 78 good, and 7 excellent. Mature was 71 percent, well behind 90 average. Harvested was 19 percent, well behind 45 average.

Sunflower conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 39 fair, 53 good, and 6 excellent. Bracts turning yellow was 92 percent, behind 99 average. Turning brown was 74 percent complete. Harvested was 8 percent, behind 18 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 59 good, and 18 excellent. Third cutting was 98 percent complete, ahead of average at 91. Fourth cutting was 61 percent complete.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 26 fair, 55 good, and 12 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 13 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-10-14-2014.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>