



# News Release

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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD, October 20, 2014 – For the week ending October 19, 2014, above normal temperatures and dry conditions dominated the weather pattern across most areas of the state, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 21 short, 77 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 22 short, 76 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat planted was 94 percent, near 92 percent last year and the five-year average of 91. Emerged was 63 percent, near 60 last year and 61 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 58 good, and 16 excellent. Corn mature was 91 percent, behind 95 last year and 97 average. Harvested was 19 percent, behind 30 last year and well behind 45 average.

Soybeans harvested was 88 percent, ahead of 72 last year and 77 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 13 fair, 78 good, and 7 excellent. Mature was 88 percent, behind 92 last year and 96 average. Harvested was 48 percent, well ahead of 24 last year but behind 59 average.

Sunflower conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 37 fair, 55 good, and 6 excellent. Bracts turning yellow was 94 percent, behind 99 last year and 100 average. Turning brown was 79 percent complete. Harvested was 11 percent, behind 15 average and well behind 33 average.

Alfalfa hay fourth cutting was 70 percent complete.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 29 fair, 52 good, and 12 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 14 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-10-20-2014.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>