



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, October 27, 2014 – For the week ending October 26, 2014, above normal temperatures and dry conditions persisted across the state, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Farmers used the opportunity to harvest crops, especially corn. Activities included weaning calves and moving cattle from summer pastures. Statewide, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 23 short, 75 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 23 short, 75 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 5 poor, 25 fair, 60 good, and 10 excellent. Winter wheat planted was 97 percent, near both last year and the five-year average of 95. Emerged was 73 percent, ahead 65 last year and 68 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 58 good, and 17 excellent. Corn mature was 97 percent, near both last year and average of 99. Harvested was 34 percent, behind 46 last year and well behind 60 average.

Soybeans harvested was 96 percent, ahead of 85 last year and 84 average.

Sorghum mature was 93 percent, near 96 last year but behind 98 average. Harvested was 69 percent, well ahead of 49 last year but near 71 average.

Sunflower conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 37 fair, 55 good, and 6 excellent. Bracts turning yellow was 98 percent, near both last year and average at 100. Turning brown was 87 percent complete. Harvested was 29 percent, ahead of 25 last year, but well behind 49 average.

Alfalfa hay fourth cutting was 78 percent complete.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 31 fair, 51 good, and 11 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 17 percent short, 77 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-10-27-2014.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>