



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, March 30, 2015 – For the month of March 2015, above average temperatures and below average precipitation dominated the weather pattern, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide, topsoil moisture supplies rated 19 percent very short, 45 short, 36 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 14 percent very short, 44 short, 41 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 5 percent very poor, 17 poor, 43 fair, 35 good, and 0 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 11 fair, 76 good, and 13 excellent. Calving progress rated 34 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 57 average, and 43 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 15 fair, 72 good, and 13 excellent. Lambing progress rated 70 percent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 51 average, and 49 light.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 90 adequate, and 7 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 8 percent very short, 24 short, 66 adequate, and 2 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 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

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