



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, April 6, 2015 – For the week ending April 5, 2015, temperatures were six to ten degrees above normal in most of the state, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The state experienced dry conditions throughout the week. Statewide, there were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 24 percent very short, 43 short, 32 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 46 short, 38 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 5 percent very poor, 22 poor, 44 fair, 29 good, and 0 excellent.

Oats planted rated 10 percent planted, ahead of 0 last year, but equal to the five-year average.

Barley planted rated 7 percent, ahead of 0 last year, and 5 average.

Spring wheat planted rated 17 percent, ahead of 5 last year, and 11 average.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 10 fair, 77 good, and 13 excellent. Calving progress rated 46 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 56 average, and 44 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 14 fair, 73 good, and 13 excellent. Lambing progress rated 75 percent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 51 average, and 49 light. Sheep and lambs shorn was 73 percent complete.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 88 adequate, and 7 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 9 percent very short, 27 short, 63 adequate, and 1 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 Crop Progress and Condition Report at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2015/CropProg-04-06-2015.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?SD1>

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