



# News Release

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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD, April 13, 2015 – For the week ending April 12, 2015, temperatures were above normal across most of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Dry conditions were experienced throughout the week, with only a half inch or less of precipitation in most areas. Statewide, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 25 percent very short, 44 short, 30 adequate, and 1 surplus. Topsoil moisture was much drier than last year, with 69 percent rating very short or short, compared to 16 percent last year. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 19 percent very short, 46 short, 35 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 65 percent short or very short, compared to 16 percent last year.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 6 percent very poor, 21 poor, 47 fair, 26 good, and 0 excellent. Winter wheat jointing rated 1 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but equal to the five-year average.

Oats planted rated 43 percent planted, ahead of 14 last year and 23 average. Oats emerged rated 5 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but near 6 average.

Barley planted rated 14 percent, well ahead of 0 last year and 12 average.

Spring wheat planted rated 44 percent, ahead of 6 last year and 21 average.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 10 fair, 73 good, and 17 excellent. Calving progress rated 56 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 53 average, and 47 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 14 fair, 72 good, and 14 excellent. Lambing progress rated 79 percent complete. Sheep and lambs shorn was 73 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 52 average, and 48 light.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 87 adequate, and 8 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 12 percent very short, 25 short, 62 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://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2015/CropProg-04-13-2015.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&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>