



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, April 27, 2015 – For the week ending April 26, 2015, near normal temperatures were experienced throughout most of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Precipitation was concentrated in the western third and southeast corner. Statewide, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 26 percent very short, 43 short, 31 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 23 percent very short, 44 short, 33 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn planted rated 16 percent, ahead of 10 last year and the five-year average of 9.

Winter wheat condition rated 8 percent very poor, 25 poor, 44 fair, 23 good, and 0 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 6 percent, near 2 last year and average.

Oats planted rated 84 percent, well ahead of 57 last year and 50 average. Oats emerged was 35 percent, well ahead of 14 last year and ahead of 22 average.

Barley planted rated 72 percent, well ahead of 17 last year and 32 average. Barley emerged was 16 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 10 average.

Spring wheat planted rated 86 percent, well ahead of 38 last year and 45 average. Spring wheat emerged was 10 percent, ahead of 5 last year, but behind 20 average.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 8 fair, 73 good, and 19 excellent. Calving progress rated 78 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 50 average, and 50 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 14 fair, 71 good, and 15 excellent. Lambing progress rated 88 percent complete. Sheep and lambs shorn was 86 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 50 average, and 50 light.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 10 short, 82 adequate, and 7 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 13 percent very short, 26 short, 60 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-04-27-2015.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?SD>