



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD, May 26, 2015 – For the week ending May 24, 2015, rainfall continued to mitigate dry conditions; however, planting progress was minimal for portions of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average temperatures ranged from three to twelve degrees below normal. Reports of frost were noted across the north central and northeast as early morning temperatures fell below 32 degrees on May 19. There were 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 16 short, 68 adequate, and 8 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 26 short, 61 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 0 percent very poor, 7 poor, 24 fair, 64 good, and 5 excellent. Corn planted rated 91 percent, near 88 last year, but ahead the five-year average of 85. Emerged was 61 percent, ahead of 43 last year and 45 average.

Soybeans planted rated 60 percent complete, near 59 last year, but ahead of 48 average. Emerged was 24 percent, ahead of 17 last year and 14 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 9 poor, 41 fair, 45 good, and 5 excellent. Spring wheat planted rated 98 percent, ahead of 88 last year, but near 95 average. Emerged was 86 percent, well ahead of 57 last year, and ahead of 74 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 10 percent very poor, 27 poor, 39 fair, 24 good, and 0 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 65 percent, well ahead of 26 last year. Headed was 25 percent, well ahead of 0 last year, and ahead of 13 average.

Oats condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 30 fair, 58 good, and 9 excellent. Oats planted rated 99 percent, ahead of 89 last year and 93 average. Emerged was 91 percent, well ahead of 63 last year, and ahead of 74 average.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 18 fair, 82 good, and 0 excellent. Barley planted rated 99 percent, ahead of 88 last year and 85 average. Emerged was 89 percent, well ahead of 24 last year and 53 average.

Sorghum planted rated 29 percent, ahead of 19 last year and average.

Sunflowers planted rated 4 percent, behind 10 last year and average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions were rated 3 percent very poor, 15 poor, 38 fair, 39 good and 5 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 22 short, 69 adequate, and 3 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-05-26-2015.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>

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