



# News Release

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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD, June 1, 2015 – For the week ending May 31, 2015, rainfall continued to improve soil moisture conditions across most parts of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall totals ranged from one-half to one inch for much of the State with higher amounts across the northeast. Producers took advantage of warmer weather mid-week to continue fieldwork as high temperatures ranged from the mid-70s to 80s. There were 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 15 short, 70 adequate, and 10 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 24 short, 66 adequate, and 3 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 0 percent very poor, 7 poor, 25 fair, 63 good, and 5 excellent. Corn planted rated 96 percent, near 95 last year and the five-year average of 94. Emerged was 77 percent, near 76 last year, but ahead of 72 average.

Soybeans planted rated 76 percent complete, near 79 last year, but ahead of 67 average. Emerged was 42 percent, near 44 last year, but ahead of 32 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 10 poor, 37 fair, 48 good, and 5 excellent. Spring wheat emerged was 96 percent, ahead of 79 last year and 89 average. Jointed was 20 percent, ahead of 11 last year.

Winter wheat condition rated 12 percent very poor, 25 poor, 38 fair, 24 good, and 1 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 80 percent, well ahead of 41 last year. Headed was 42 percent, well ahead of 9 last year, and ahead of 23 average.

Oats condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 31 fair, 57 good, and 9 excellent. Oats emerged was 96 percent, ahead of 82 last year and 87 average. Headed rated 6 percent, near 2 last year and 5 average.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 25 fair, 75 good, and 0 excellent. Barley emerged was 96 percent, well ahead of 48 last year and 70 average. Jointing rated 5 percent.

Sorghum planted rated 32 percent, behind of 40 last year and 36 average. Emerged was 4 percent, near 5 last year, but behind 9 average.

Sunflowers planted rated 12 percent, behind 24 last year and 26 average.

Alfalfa hay first cutting rated 2 percent complete.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions were rated 2 percent very poor, 11 poor, 36 fair, 43 good and 8 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 20 short, 70 adequate, and 5 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-06-01-2015.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>

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