



# News Release

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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD, June 22, 2015 – For the week ending June 21, 2015, late-week thunderstorms impacted parts of the State, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Heavy rain, strong winds and hail were reported across portions of central and east central South Dakota. The first cutting of alfalfa continued to be slowed by recent rains. There were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 14 short, 72 adequate, and 9 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 21 short, 69 adequate, and 5 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 24 fair, 61 good, and 11 excellent. Corn emerged was 97 percent, near 100 last year and 99 for the five-year average.

Soybean condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 28 fair, 57 good, and 13 excellent. Soybeans planted rated 99 percent complete, equal to last year and near 97 average. Emerged was 93 percent, near 91 last year, but ahead of 85 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 8 poor, 36 fair, 48 good, and 8 excellent. Spring wheat jointed was 90 percent, well ahead of 70 last year. Headed was 42 percent, ahead of 26 last year and 38 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 13 percent very poor, 25 poor, 35 fair, 25 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat headed was 87 percent, near 84 last year, but ahead of 81 average. Coloring rated 20 percent, ahead of 1 last year.

Oats condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 27 fair, 61 good, and 9 excellent. Oats headed rated 68 percent, ahead of 50 last year, and well ahead of 45 average. Coloring was at 2 percent.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 21 fair, 74 good, and 5 excellent. Barley jointed was 82 percent, well ahead of 38 last year. Headed rated 30 percent, well ahead of 10 last year, and ahead of 24 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 29 fair, 66 good, and 4 excellent. Sorghum planted rated 75 percent, behind 88 last year and 93 average. Emerged was 54 percent, behind 63 last year and 67 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 24 fair, 74 good, and 2 excellent. Sunflowers planted rated 67 percent, behind 73 last year and 77 average. Emerged was 22 percent, behind 33 last year.

Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 36 fair, 50 good, and 8 excellent. Alfalfa hay first cutting rated 42 percent complete, behind 48 last year and 51 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions were rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 30 fair, 42 good, and 18 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 15 short, 75 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-06-22-2015.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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