



# News Release

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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, July 13, 2015 - For the week ending July 12, 2015, the warmest temperatures of the season were recorded late in the week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The high heat and humidity pushed heat index values near 100 degrees in some locations. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 16 short, 73 adequate, and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 19 short, 71 adequate, and 4 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 18 fair, 63 good, and 14 excellent. Corn silking was at 4 percent, near 8 last year but behind the five-year average of 10.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 21 fair, 61 good, and 15 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 36 percent, behind 54 last year and 41 average. Setting pods was at 1 percent, behind 7 last year, but near 3 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 30 fair, 53 good, and 9 excellent. Spring wheat headed was 93 percent, ahead of 87 last year, and near 91 average. Coloring was at 51 percent, well ahead of 17 last year, and ahead of 37 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 7 percent very poor, 22 poor, 38 fair, 31 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat coloring rated 85 percent, near 83 last year and average. Mature rated 37 percent, well ahead of 9 last year, and ahead of 31 average. Harvested was at 10 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but behind 15 average.

Oats condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 23 fair, 62 good, and 10 excellent. Oats coloring was at 60 percent, ahead of 43 last year and 48 average. Harvested was at 2 percent, near 1 last year, but behind 7 average.

Barley condition rated 3 percent very poor, 3 poor, 16 fair, 64 good, and 14 excellent. Barley headed rated 83 percent, ahead of 70 last year, but near 80 average. Coloring was 23 percent, ahead of 4 last year, but behind 30 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 25 fair, 69 good, and 5 excellent. Sorghum planted rated 95 percent, behind 100 last year and average. Emerged was 89 percent, near 92 last year, and behind 98 average. Headed was 20 percent, behind 25 last year, but ahead of 8 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 23 fair, 73 good, and 3 excellent. Sunflowers emerged was 89 percent, ahead of 83 last year.

Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 31 fair, 54 good, and 8 excellent. Alfalfa hay first cutting rated 83 percent complete, near 84 last year, and behind 90 average. Second cutting rated 18 percent complete, behind 26 last year and 33 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions were rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 27 fair, 51 good, and 13 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 14 short, 75 adequate, and 6 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-07-13-2015.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>

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