



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, July 20, 2015 - For the week ending July 19, 2015, above average temperatures continued to advance crop development, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Winter wheat and oat harvests were ongoing. Severe thunderstorms moved across the State on Friday, with wind and hail damage reported in portions of the northeast. There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 23 short, 68 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 22 short, 70 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 62 good, and 14 excellent. Corn silking was at 43 percent, ahead of 27 for both last year and the five-year average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 61 good, and 16 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 51 percent, behind 68 last year and 59 average. Setting pods was at 7 percent, behind 14 last year and 11 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 8 poor, 29 fair, 53 good, and 9 excellent. Spring wheat headed was 97 percent, near 94 last year, but equal to the average. Coloring was at 73 percent, well ahead of 38 last year, and ahead of 60 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 7 percent very poor, 22 poor, 37 fair, 32 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat coloring rated 94 percent, near 95 last year and 96 average. Mature rated 52 percent, near 49 last year, but behind 58 average. Harvested was at 20 percent, ahead of 3 last year, but behind 29 average.

Oats condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 23 fair, 62 good, and 10 excellent. Oats coloring was at 75 percent, ahead of 58 last year and 66 average. Harvested was at 17 percent, ahead of 4 last year, but near 15 average.

Barley condition rated 3 percent very poor, 3 poor, 15 fair, 65 good, and 14 excellent. Barley headed rated 84 percent, equal to last year, but behind 92 average. Coloring was 39 percent, well ahead of 8 last year, but behind 47 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 25 fair, 69 good, and 5 excellent. Sorghum emerged was 98 percent, near 96 last year and 99 average. Headed was 30 percent, behind 37 last year, but ahead of 15 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 28 fair, 68 good, and 3 excellent. Sunflowers emerged was 95 percent, ahead of 88 last year.

Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 26 fair, 58 good, and 9 excellent. Alfalfa hay first cutting rated 91 percent complete, near 90 last year and 95 average. Second cutting rated 37 percent complete, equal to last year, but behind 48 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions were rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 25 fair, 53 good, and 12 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-07-20-2015.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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