



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, July 27, 2015 - For the week ending July 26, 2015, weekend storms brought rain and strong winds to eastern South Dakota, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall amounts varied, with the heaviest amounts occurring across the north central and northeast. Strong winds and small hail associated with the storms were also reported. Winter wheat harvest was ongoing with producers beginning spring wheat harvest in some locations. There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 24 short, 66 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 24 short, 68 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 61 good, and 14 excellent. Corn silking was at 71 percent, ahead of 64 last year and 56 for the five-year average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 60 good, and 16 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 72 percent, behind 79 last year, but near 75 average. Setting pods was at 29 percent, near 32 last year and 26 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 9 poor, 33 fair, 50 good, and 7 excellent. Spring wheat headed was 98 percent, near 99 last year and the average. Coloring was at 85 percent, well ahead of 60 last year, but near 82 average. Harvested was at 2 percent, near 3 last year, but behind 18 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 7 percent very poor, 22 poor, 37 fair, 31 good, and 3 excellent. Winter wheat coloring rated 96 percent, equal to last year and near 99 average. Mature rated 84 percent, ahead of 75 last year, but near 83 average. Harvested was at 43 percent, ahead of 24 last year, but behind 49 average.

Oats condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 23 fair, 62 good, and 10 excellent. Oats coloring was at 93 percent, well ahead of 71 last year, and ahead of 83 average. Harvested was at 40 percent, well ahead of 19 last year, and ahead of 29 average.

Barley condition rated 3 percent very poor, 3 poor, 16 fair, 64 good, and 14 excellent. Barley headed rated 93 percent, near 90 last year and 96 average. Coloring was 65 percent, well ahead of 20 last year, but near 67 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. Headed was 54 percent, ahead of 43 last year, and well ahead of 30 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 27 fair, 68 good, and 3 excellent. Sunflowers emerged was 98 percent, near 95 last year. Blooming was at 9 percent, behind 16 last year and 15 average.

Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 27 fair, 56 good, and 10 excellent. Alfalfa hay first cutting rated 96 percent complete, equal to last year and near 98 average. Second cutting rated 45 percent complete, behind 52 last year, and well behind 65 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions were rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 26 fair, 55 good, and 9 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 16 short, 74 adequate, and 4 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-07-27-2015.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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