



# News Release

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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD, August 3, 2015 - For the week ending August 2, 2015, rainfall, averaging up to one inch, was received over much of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The southwest saw cooler than normal temperatures, while the rest of the State experienced near normal temperatures. Activities included harvesting small grains, cutting hay, and tending cattle. There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 24 short, 66 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 25 short, 67 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 85 percent, equal to last year, but ahead of 78 for the five-year average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 60 good, and 16 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 82 percent, behind 88 last year, but near 86 average. Setting pods was at 55 percent, ahead of 49 last year and 43 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 8 poor, 29 fair, 54 good, and 8 excellent. Spring wheat coloring was at 94 percent, ahead of 83 last year, but equal to the average. Mature was at 64 percent, well ahead of 28 last year, and ahead of 56 average. Harvested was at 24 percent, well ahead of 3 last year, but behind 30 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 7 percent very poor, 22 poor, 35 fair, 32 good, and 4 excellent. Winter wheat mature rated 95 percent, near 91 last year and equal to the average. Harvested was at 76 percent, well ahead of 51 last year, but near 72 average.

Oats condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 22 fair, 62 good, and 12 excellent. Oats coloring was at 98 percent, ahead of 88 last year, but near 94 average. Mature was at 82 percent, ahead of 68 last year and 73 average. Harvested was at 64 percent, well ahead of 39 last year, and ahead of 49 average.

Barley condition rated 3 percent very poor, 3 poor, 15 fair, 65 good, and 14 excellent. Barley coloring was 82 percent, well ahead of 42 last year, but near 83 average. Harvested was at 44 percent, well ahead of 4 last year and 23 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 27 fair, 67 good, and 5 excellent. Sorghum headed was 68 percent, ahead of 58 last year and 52 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 26 fair, 69 good, and 3 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was at 20 percent, near 22 last year and 23 average.

Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 27 fair, 57 good, and 9 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting rated 58 percent complete, behind 65 last year, and well behind 78 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions were rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 27 fair, 56 good, and 7 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 17 short, 73 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-08-03-2015.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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