



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD, August 17, 2015 - For the week ending August 16, 2015, rain was received in the northwest, north central and east portions of the State, while the southwest remained dry, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall amounts varied with the heaviest precipitation occurring across the north central and east central. Small grain harvest was ongoing. Producers were scouting and spraying for aphids and grasshoppers in some locations. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 28 short, 62 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 27 short, 65 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 59 good, and 17 excellent. Corn silking was at 97 percent, near 95 last year, and equal to the five-year average. Dough was at 61 percent, ahead of 56 last year, but near 57 average. Dented was at 5 percent, near 4 last year, but behind 12 average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 58 good, and 17 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 92 percent, behind 97 last year and 98 average. Setting pods was at 80 percent, near 79 last year, and equal to the average.

Spring wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 29 fair, 56 good, and 7 excellent. Spring wheat Mature was at 93 percent, ahead of 78 last year, and near 92 average. Harvested was at 71 percent, well ahead of 32 last year, and ahead of 66 average.

Winter wheat harvested was at 95 percent, ahead of 86 last year, but near 94 average.

Oats condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 21 fair, 63 good, and 13 excellent. Oats mature was at 97 percent, ahead of 92 last year, but near 96 average. Harvested was at 88 percent, ahead of 77 last year, but near 84 average.

Barley condition rated 3 percent very poor, 3 poor, 15 fair, 65 good, and 14 excellent. Barley coloring was 95 percent, near 94 last year, and 99 average. Mature was at 84 percent, ahead of 67 last year, but near 88 average. Harvested was at 64 percent, well ahead of 26 last year, and ahead of 56 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 27 fair, 67 good, and 5 excellent. Sorghum headed was 89 percent, near 87 last year and 88 average. Coloring was at 10 percent, behind 17 last year and 24 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 28 fair, 67 good, and 3 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was at 76 percent, ahead of 65 last year, but near 73 average.

Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 28 fair, 54 good, and 11 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting rated 87 percent complete, ahead of 80 last year, but near 90 average. Third cutting was at 21 percent, equal to last year, but behind 32 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions were rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 30 fair, 53 good, and 6 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 19 short, 72 adequate, and 3 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-08-17-2015.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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