



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, September 8, 2015 – For the week ending September 6, 2015, field crop maturities advanced under predominately warm, dry conditions, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Mid-week temperatures ranged from the low to mid-90s in the east, with some western locations reporting daytime highs over 100 degrees. Cooler weather returned by week’s end as daytime highs Sunday ranged from the mid-70s to low 80s for a majority of the State. Silage and alfalfa cutting was ongoing. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 23 short, 68 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 24 short, 69 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 17 fair, 58 good, and 19 excellent. Corn dough was at 95 percent, equal to last year, and near 96 for the five-year average. Dented was at 67 percent, ahead of 60 last year, but near 70 average. Mature was at 14 percent, ahead of 4 last year, but near 11 average.

Soybean condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 18 fair, 57 good, and 20 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was at 33 percent, well ahead of 11 last year, but near 32 average.

Winter wheat planted was at 5 percent, near 3 last year and 7 average.

Barley harvested was at 93 percent, ahead of 88 last year, but near 96 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 30 fair, 59 good, and 7 excellent. Sorghum coloring was at 73 percent, ahead of 68 last year, but behind 80 average. Mature rated 3 percent, near 2 last year, but behind 11 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 20 fair, 72 good, and 6 excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dried was at 54 percent, ahead of 43 last year, but behind 61 average. Bracts turning yellow was at 4 percent, behind 10 last year, and well behind 28 average

Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 26 fair, 58 good, and 10 excellent. Alfalfa hay third cutting was at 60 percent, ahead of 47 last year, but behind 69 average. Fourth cutting was at 8 percent.

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 5 percent very short, 18 short, 74 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-09-08-2015.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?SD>