



# News Release

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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, September 21, 2015 – For the week ending September 20, 2015, warm, windy weather continued to advance crop maturity and dry down, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures were two to six degrees above average for most of the State. Precipitation amounts were light during the week allowing winter wheat seeding to progress along with beginning harvest of corn and soybeans. There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 25 short, 67 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 26 short, 67 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 58 good, and 19 excellent. Corn dented was at 90 percent, near 91 last year and the five-year average of 92. Mature was at 45 percent, well ahead of 20 last year, but near 43 average. Harvested was at 2 percent, near 0 last year, but behind 7 average.

Soybean condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 57 good, and 20 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was at 73 percent, well ahead of 52 last year, but near 71 average. Harvested was at 3 percent, near 0 last year and 7 average.

Winter wheat planted was at 49 percent, ahead of 35 both last year and average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 30 fair, 59 good, and 7 excellent. Sorghum coloring was at 91 percent, near 87 last year and 94 average. Mature rated 22 percent, ahead of 14 last year, but behind 35 average. Harvested was at 2 percent, near 1 last year, but behind 9 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 19 fair, 72 good, and 7 excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dried was at 82 percent, ahead of 73 last year, but behind 90 average. Bracts turning yellow was at 49 percent, near 48 last year, but well behind 69 average. Bracts turning brown was at 2 percent, behind 12 last year.

Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 26 fair, 58 good, and 10 excellent. Alfalfa hay third cutting was at 80 percent, ahead of 68 last year, but near 82 average. Fourth cutting was at 26 percent, ahead of 9 last year.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions were rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 33 fair, 51 good, and 5 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 20 short, 72 adequate, and 2 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-09-21-2015.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>