



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, September 28, 2015 – For the week ending September 27, 2015, fall harvest was in full swing in many South Dakota locations, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Soybean harvest advanced during the week; however, producers in parts of south central, east central and southeast South Dakota were slowed by mid-week rain. Rainfall amounts ranged from an inch to nearly five inches in some locations. Winter wheat seeding was ongoing along with working livestock and wrapping up corn silage harvest. There were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 23 short, 68 adequate, and 2 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 95 percent, near 96 last year and the five-year average of 97. Mature was at 63 percent, ahead of 44 last year, but near 64 average. Harvested was at 7 percent, ahead of 2 last year, but behind 13 average.

Soybean condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 57 good, and 20 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was at 90 percent, ahead of 81 last year, but near 87 average. Harvested was at 23 percent, ahead of 6 last year, but near 20 average.

Winter wheat planted was at 72 percent, ahead of 59 last year and 57 average. Emerged was at 20 percent, ahead of 12 last year and 15 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 30 fair, 59 good, and 7 excellent. Sorghum coloring was at 92 percent, near 91 last year, but behind 97 average. Mature rated 43 percent, ahead of 25 last year, but behind 53 average. Harvested was at 4 percent, near 3 last year, but behind 14 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 20 fair, 71 good, and 7 excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dried was at 90 percent, near 88 last year, but behind 96 average. Bracts turning yellow was at 67 percent, behind 72 last year and 83 average. Bracts turning brown was at 22 percent, behind 30 last year.

Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 26 fair, 59 good, and 10 excellent. Alfalfa hay third cutting was at 85 percent, equal to last year, and near 89 average. Fourth cutting was at 34 percent, ahead of 25 last year.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions were rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 36 fair, 48 good, and 5 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 19 short, 73 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-09-28-2015.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>

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