



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, October 5, 2015 – For the week ending October 4, 2015, warm, dry conditions were experienced until rain brought cooler temperatures late in the week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Soybean harvest progressed, along with winter wheat seeding and calf weaning. There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 24 short, 69 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 25 short, 68 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 18 fair, 59 good, and 19 excellent. Corn mature was at 80 percent, ahead of 69 last year, but near 82 for the five-year average. Harvested was at 12 percent, ahead of 5 last year, but behind 22 average.

Soybean condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 58 good, and 20 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was at 95 percent, near 94 last year and 96 average. Harvested was at 46 percent, well ahead of 22 last year, but near 42 average.

Winter wheat planted was at 83 percent, ahead of 77 last year and 72 average. Emerged was at 33 percent, near 32 last year and 29 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 30 fair, 59 good, and 7 excellent. Sorghum coloring was at 96 percent, near 95 last year and 99 average. Mature rated 63 percent, ahead of 46 last year, but behind 73 average. Harvested was at 13 percent, ahead of 8 last year, but behind 24 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 19 fair, 71 good, and 8 excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dried was at 96 percent, near 95 last year and 99 average. Bracts turning yellow was at 85 percent, near 83 last year, but behind 92 average. Bracts turning brown was at 53 percent, equal to last year.

Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 26 fair, 60 good, and 10 excellent. Alfalfa hay third cutting was at 90 percent, equal to last year, and near 93 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions were rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 37 fair, 48 good, and 5 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 19 short, 74 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-10-05-2015.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>