



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, October 13, 2015 – For the week ending October 11, 2015, favorable harvest weather continued, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Above normal temperatures and little to no rainfall allowed steady harvest activity for a majority of the week. Daytime highs reached the mid-80s to low 90s for many locations. Strong winds on Sunday halted fieldwork in some locations as peak wind gusts ranged from 40 to 50 miles per hour. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 28 short, 65 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 27 short, 66 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 17 fair, 60 good, and 20 excellent. Corn mature was at 90 percent, ahead of 85 last year, but near 92 for the five-year average. Harvested was at 21 percent, ahead of 11 last year, but behind 32 average.

Soybeans harvested was at 71 percent, ahead of 60 last year, but near 70 average.

Winter wheat planted was at 89 percent, near 88 last year, but ahead of 83 average. Emerged was at 47 percent, near 51 last year and 44 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 30 fair, 59 good, and 7 excellent. Sorghum mature rated 85 percent, ahead of 68 last year, but near 86 average. Harvested was at 32 percent, ahead of 18 last year, but behind 42 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 19 fair, 71 good, and 8 excellent. Sunflowers bracts turning yellow was at 95 percent, near 91 last year and 97 average. Bracts turning brown was at 77 percent, ahead of 71 last year. Harvested was at 5 percent, near 7 last year, but behind 17 average.

Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 26 fair, 60 good, and 10 excellent. Alfalfa hay third cutting was at 92 percent, behind 97 last year, but near 88 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions were rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 37 fair, 47 good, and 5 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 4 percent very short, 21 short, 73 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-10-13-2015.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>