



# News Release

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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, October 19, 2015 – For the week ending October 18, 2015, warm, dry conditions were experienced across the State, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvest progressed rapidly, although the lack of moisture combined with high winds increased the risk for fire. There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 35 short, 57 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 31 short, 62 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 18 fair, 59 good, and 20 excellent. Corn mature was at 96 percent, ahead of 90 last year, but near 97 for the five-year average. Harvested was at 39 percent, well ahead of 18 last year, but behind 45 average.

Soybeans harvested was at 90 percent, ahead of 85 last year, but near 86 average.

Winter wheat planted was at 97 percent, near 93 last year, but ahead of 91 average. Emerged was at 75 percent, ahead of 62 last year and 57 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 30 fair, 59 good, and 7 excellent. Sorghum mature rated 90 percent, near 86 last year and 94 average. Harvested was at 38 percent, behind 44 last year, and well behind 62 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 20 fair, 71 good, and 7 excellent. Sunflowers bracts turning brown was at 89 percent, ahead of 78 last year. Harvested was at 34 percent, well ahead of 11 last year, but near 32 average.

Alfalfa conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 26 fair, 60 good, and 10 excellent. Alfalfa hay third cutting was at 95 percent, near 98 last year and 99 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions were rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 39 fair, 46 good, and 4 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 23 short, 69 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-10-19-2015.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>