



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, October 26, 2015 – For the week ending October 25, 2015, warm, dry weather allowed continued harvest progress, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures ranged from two to ten degrees above normal statewide. Cooler temperatures prevailed later in the week as rain became widespread across eastern South Dakota. Drier weather returned and some locations resumed fieldwork by the end of the reporting period. There were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 26 short, 66 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 29 short, 63 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 17 fair, 58 good, and 22 excellent. Corn harvested was at 60 percent, well ahead of 32 last year, but near 63 for the five-year average.

Soybeans harvested was at 96 percent, near 95 last year and 94 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 33 fair, 52 good, and 14 excellent. Winter wheat emerged was at 89 percent, ahead of 72 last year, and well ahead of 66 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 30 fair, 59 good, and 7 excellent. Sorghum mature rated 92 percent, equal to last year, but behind 97 average. Harvested was at 63 percent, near 66 last year, but behind 77 average.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 21 fair, 68 good, and 8 excellent. Sunflowers bracts turning brown was at 97 percent, ahead of 86 last year. Harvested was at 58 percent, well ahead of 26 last year, and ahead of 50 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 7 percent very short, 22 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-10-26-2015.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>