



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, November 2, 2015 – For the week ending November 1, 2015, harvest progress was slowed mid-week by rain mixed with snow, below normal temperatures, and strong winds, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork resumed for most by week's end as temperatures climbed into the mid-60s and low 70s. Fall tillage and fertilizer application was ongoing. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 25 short, 67 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 28 short, 64 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn harvested was at 79 percent, well ahead of 57 last year, but near 77 for the five-year average.

Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 34 fair, 53 good, and 12 excellent. Winter wheat emerged was at 95 percent, ahead of 83 last year, and well ahead of 75 average.

Sorghum mature rated 95 percent, equal to last year, but near 99 average. Harvested was at 74 percent, near 78 last year, but behind 86 average.

Sunflowers harvested was at 69 percent, well ahead of 45 last year, but near 65 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-11-02-2015.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>