



# News Release

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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, November 9, 2015 – For the week ending November 8, 2015, fall harvest drew closer to completion on continued warm, dry weather, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The unseasonably warm conditions did give way to more fall-like temperatures mid-week as a cold front moved across the State. Showers and thunderstorms associated with the front brought rain to central South Dakota. By Sunday, daytime highs had returned to the 60s for a majority of the State. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 24 short, 68 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 27 short, 65 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn harvested was at 89 percent, ahead of 81 last year, but equal to the five-year average.

Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 31 fair, 54 good, 14 excellent.

Sorghum harvested was at 85 percent, behind 90 last year and 92 average.

Sunflowers harvested was at 78 percent, ahead of 67 last year, but near 77 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, 23 short, 68 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-11-09-2015.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>

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