



News Release

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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, November 16, 2015 – For the week ending November 15, 2015, fall fieldwork drew to a close for a number of producers after another mostly warm, dry week, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. A mid-week storm brought cooler temperatures, wind and some rain to parts of the State; however, the reporting period began and ended with highs in the upper 50s to low 60s and minimal precipitation. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 25 short, 66 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 95 percent, near 91 last year, but equal to the five-year average.

Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 31 fair, 55 good, 13 excellent.

Sorghum harvested was at 90 percent, behind 95 last year and 96 average.

Sunflowers harvested was at 87 percent, ahead of 79 last year, but near 85 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-11-16-2015.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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