



# News Release

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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, March 28, 2016 – For the month of March 2016, temperatures were above average statewide, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The mild temperatures were beneficial for calving and early fieldwork. Late season winter storms brought rain and snow to parts of the State. However, most locations reported below average precipitation for the month. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 24 short, 65 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 26 short, 64 adequate, and 3 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 37 fair, 55 good, and 7 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 19 fair, 73 good, and 8 excellent. Calving was 15 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 54 average, and 46 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 27 fair, 65 good, and 8 excellent. Lambing was 21 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 69 average, and 31 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 88 adequate, and 9 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 21 short, 73 adequate, and 3 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 High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:*

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?SD>

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