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(S.D.)-Row Crop Harvest Advances, Soybeans Near Complete



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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - South Dakota's row crop harvest advanced again last week with the soybean harvest nearing completion.

The U.S. Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop and weather report that light showers teased parts of the state over the weekend but make no significant dent in the growing season precipitation deficits.

Precipitation was fairly widespread but totals were fairly limited. Topsoil moisture is rated at 5 percent adequate, 18 percent short and 77 percent very short.

The corn for grain harvest is 78 percent complete and the soybean harvest is 94 percent complete. Both are ahead of the five-year averages.

Cattle conditions are rated at 65 percent good to excellent, 30 percent fair and 5 percent poor.