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(S.D.)-Crops Progress In State Despite Rain And Strong Wind



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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - Despite rain and strong winds last week, farmers and ranchers in South Dakota had five days for fieldwork and brought the harvest season closer to the end.

The U.S. Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop and weather report that 95 percent of winter wheat has been planted, which is behind last year and the five-year averages of 98 percent. Twenty-three-percent of winter wheat has emerged, behind last year's estimate of 90 percent and the five-year average of 88 percent.

Sunflower was 92 percent harvested, above last year's 78 percent and average of 42 percent.

Cattle conditions were rated at 67 percent good to excellent, 29 percent fair and 4 percent poor.