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(S.D.)-South Dakota Crops Gain A Boost From Rainy, Warm Weather



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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - Timely rains and above-normal temperatures have boosted crop development in South Dakota over the past week.

The Agriculture Department says in its latest crop and weather report that parts of the west still are in need of moisture. Statewide, topsoil moisture supplies are rated 77 percent adequate to surplus, and subsoil moisture is 72 percent adequate to surplus.

Haying is in full swing across the state. The report says 73 percent of South Dakota's alfalfa crop is rated good to excellent.

Pasture and range conditions are rated 75 percent good to excellent, and stock water supplies are 83 percent adequate to surplus.