

(S.D.)- Crop Development Continuing To Catch Up

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - Crop development in South Dakota is continuing to catch up thanks to warm, dry weather.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says in its weekly crop report that farmers and ranchers had on average 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork.

Winter wheat is 98 percent headed but turning color at 25 percent, well behind the 74 percent average. Winter wheat conditions are 38 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 14 percent good and 1 percent excellent.

Soybean blooming is at 8 percent, trailing the 21 percent average.

Corn is 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 17 percent excellent.

Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 56 percent good and 19 percent excellent.