

Sunflower

Highlights

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There is still time to plant sunflower to utilize the excess moisture in the soil. Sunflower may be planted until late June and hybrid seed is available. Processors are offering new crop contracts that have cash and or Act of God (AOG) production clauses which give the opportunity to diversify your crop risk this year. Overall new crop sunflower prices continue to be competitive with other new crop prices. The market is very focused on June 30, that is the day USDA will release the June 1 Grain Stocks and June Acreage reports. Given the difficulties many producers faced this spring getting their crops planted and those still trying to plant; the market will be very eager to see where USDA pegs planted acres for each crop. Some market analysts and traders will not have much confidence in the June Acreage report numbers. Many acres in parts of the country were not planted at the time the survey was taken in early June. This could be a year where the market will have to wait until crop production and acreage report are released this fall to get a more accurate picture of what will actually be available to the market.

CROP PROGRESS

North Dakota producers are nearly finished planting sunflower, with 97 percent of the crop reported planted. That's 7 days ahead of last year. South Dakota growers are making good progress as well, with 67 percent of the crop planted and 22 percent reported emerged. Things are a bit behind schedule in Kansas, because of a rainy spring, but producers still managed to get 62 percent of the crop planted.

| State | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 yr Av |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| N. Dakota | | | | |
| <i>Planted</i> | 97 | 92 | 91 | 88 |
| <i>Emerged</i> | 81 | 63 | NA | NA |
| S. Dakota | | | | |
| <i>Planted</i> | 67 | 50 | 73 | 77 |
| <i>Emerged</i> | 22 | 10 | 33 | NA |
| Texas | | | | |
| <i>Planted</i> | 90 | 89 | 96 | 87 |
| Colorado | | | | |
| <i>Planted</i> | 59 | 26 | 73 | 74 |
| Kansas | | | | |
| <i>Planted</i> | 62 | 44 | 70 | 70 |
| <i>Emerged</i> | 31 | 12 | 43 | 47 |
| Minnesota | | | | |
| <i>Planted</i> | 100 | 96 | 85 | 98 |

Source: USDA NASS

SUNFLOWER CROP CONDITIONS

| State | VP | Poor | Fair | Good | Ex |
|------------------|----|------|------|------|----|
| Colorado | 0 | 0 | 9 | 34 | 57 |
| Minnesota | 0 | 4 | 48 | 45 | 3 |
| N. Dakota | 0 | 2 | 13 | 78 | 7 |
| S. Dakota | 0 | 0 | 24 | 74 | 2 |

Source: USDA NASS (not all states reporting)

SUNFLOWER OIL A HEALTHY ALTERNATIVE TO PH OILS

The FDA's determination that partially hydrogenated oils (phos), the primary dietary source of industrially produced trans fat, are not Generally Recognized As Safe (GRAS) for use in human food, could be good news for the sunflower industry. Mid-Oleic and High Oleic sunflower oil has been a leading solution to replace PH oils in many food applications since 1999. In 2014, non-GMO trans fat free sunflower oil production reached 425 million pounds. The demand for sunflower oil, especially high oleic sunflower oil, is expected to increase in light of the FDA's ruling. For more on sunflower oil, visit www.sunflowernsa.com/oil.

CHECK FOR CUTWORMS

With sunflower planting wrapping up and seedlings emerging it is time to check for cutworms. Most damage by cutworms occurs when plants are in the early stage of development. The NDSU recommended threshold level is 1 larva per square foot or there is a 25% to 30% stand reduction observed. For more information use these links: www.ag.ndsu.edu/extensionentomology and www.sunflowernsa.com/cutworms/

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