

Sunflower

Highlights

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Markets

For the second month in a row, USDA caught the market off-guard with a higher than expected soybean yield estimate. USDA estimated the US 2015 soybean crop near 3,935 million bushels versus the average trade guess of 3,869 million bushels. USDA trimmed global soybean production and ending stocks. The drop in Brazil's currency has pushed the Brazilian domestic soybean price well above US prices and has helped increase Brazilian farmer selling adding more beans to the export market. The increased availability is allowing South American sources to remain a competitor with US new crop sales. US 2015/16 soybean export sales are near 590 million bushels versus 882 million bushels last year at this time. In the USDA June Acreage Report, area planted to sunflower in 2015 increased 8 percent from 2014 and totaled 1.68 million acres. Planted area of oil type varieties, at 1.40 million acres, was up 19 percent from 2014. Planted acreage of non-oil varieties, estimated at 283,000 acres, was down 27 percent from last year. In October, USDA will provide an updated estimate for oil and non-oil sunflower planted and harvested area. This will give the sunflower market the first estimate of this year's sunflower production.

CROP PROGRESS

Sunflower harvest has begun in Colorado, with three percent of that state's crop reported harvested already. 63 percent of Colorado's sunflowers are reported in good to excellent condition as well.

State	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 yr Av
N. Dakota				
<i>Petals Dry</i>	92	82	69	80
<i>Bracts Yellow</i>	54	32	17	45
<i>Mature</i>	15	5	---	---
S. Dakota				
<i>Petals Dry</i>	69	54	57	79
<i>Bracts Yellow</i>	28	4	26	50
Texas				
<i>Harvested</i>	46	39	75	46
Kansas				
<i>Blooming</i>	97	94	94	98
<i>Petals Dry</i>	48	38	50	64
Colorado				
<i>Harvested</i>	3	---	---	---

Source: USDA NASS

SUNFLOWER CROP CONDITIONS

State	VP	Poor	Fair	Good	Ex
N. Dakota	0	8	21	63	8
S. Dakota	0	2	20	72	6
Minnesota	0	6	36	50	8
Colorado	0	5	32	50	13
Kansas	1	2	30	59	8

Source: USDA NASS (not all states reporting)

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USDA PROVIDES HELP WITH BLACKBIRDS

As sunflowers ripen, blackbirds are beginning to appear and cause problems. The USDA can help – visit www.sunflowernsa.com/uploads/resources/715/wildlife-services-blackbird-directory-2014.pdf for a map with phone numbers for USDA Wildlife Services personnel that can help North Dakota producers that have blackbird problems. They will respond to you during the damage season by providing loaner cannons and pyrotechnics. These offices will provide further assistance in an attempt to break up large roosts. Some other ways to reduce damage include cattail management, cannons, harassment, desiccants, and repellants. These can be even more effective when used in combination. For more information on blackbird control, visit www.sunflowernsa.com/growers/blackbirds/.

GROWER REPORT

It's been a dry summer in central South Dakota, and the forecast calls for more hot days this week, but Onida, SD producer Chuck Todd says the sunflower crop looks pretty good in that neck of the woods. Todd says most fields are starting to yellow and he expects they'll start to dry down after this hot spell. Todd says overall, the sunflowers are well ahead of last year and so far there haven't been any major reports of insect damage or disease issues in the area. He says at this point, yields should be average, if not a little above average.