

# Sunflower

## Highlights

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### Markets

Despite today's downturn, CBoT soybean contracts are expected to firm up on talk of higher world vegetable oil demand and improved palm oil prices. NuSun and high oleic prices are following the oil demand trend and are very competitive. Something else to keep in mind is oil premiums that are paid on sunflower. Premiums are offered at the crush plants on oil content above 40% at a rate of 2% price premium for each 1% of oil above 40%. For example, 45% oil content results in a 10% price premium which pushes gross returns from oil sunflower even higher. On Wednesday, USDA will release their Sep 1 grain and oilseed stocks estimates. Ending sunflower seed stocks will be included in the report as well. The trade is expecting oil-type sunflower seed stocks to be at historically low levels, which should be friendly for nearby prices. Harvest of the U.S. sunflower crop has just gotten started. Initial yield reports are positive and quality is generally very good. Most of the US crop is rated in the good to excellent categories so yields and quality are expected to be above average.

### CROP PROGRESS

State	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 yr Av
<b>N. Dakota</b>				
Bracts Yellow	89	76	62	81
Mature	65	41	24	45
Harvested	1	---	0	2
<b>S. Dakota</b>				
Petals Dry	90	82	88	96
Bracts Yellow	67	49	72	83
Mature	22	2	30	---
<b>Texas</b>				
Harvested	NA	49	82	47
<b>Kansas</b>				
Petals Dry	78	67	77	84
Bracts Yellow	40	15	55	67
<b>Colorado</b>				
Harvested	7	4	---	6

Source: USDA NASS

### SUNFLOWER CROP CONDITIONS

State	VP	Poor	Fair	Good	Ex
<b>N. Dakota</b>	0	9	19	64	8
<b>S. Dakota</b>	0	2	20	71	7
<b>Minnesota</b>	0	6	36	51	7
<b>Colorado</b>	0	8	30	49	13
<b>Kansas</b>	1	2	31	57	9

Source: USDA NASS (not all states reporting)

### GROWER REPORT

Harvest is getting close for Wyndmere, ND producer Arnold Woodbury. He expects his 300 acres of oil sunflowers should be ready to harvest in about two weeks. It's been a good year so far and he's expecting a good yield.

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### CONSIDER CATTAIL CONTROL

Now is a good time to remove blackbird roosting locations such as marshes, sloughs, and cattails. Cattails serve as blackbird habitat so it's in the sunflower producer's best interest to get rid of as much as possible. For more information, visit [www.ag.ndsu.edu/weeds/weed-control-guides/USDA-Final.PDF/view](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/weeds/weed-control-guides/USDA-Final.PDF/view)

### USDA PROVIDES HELP WITH BLACKBIRDS

It's fall, and as the temperatures drop, the blackbirds will start migrating and causing problems for sunflower growers. The USDA can help – visit

[www.sunflowernsa.com/uploads/resources/715/wildlife-services-blackbird-directory-2014.pdf](http://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. Using a combination of cattail management, cannons, harassment, desiccants, and repellants can be even more effective when used in combination to reduce damage. For more information on blackbird control, visit

[www.sunflowernsa.com/growers/black-birds/](http://www.sunflowernsa.com/growers/black-birds/).

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