

South Dakota Wheat Outlook

Revised May 1, 2026

★ Wheat Progress

As of April 26, 2026

	Winter Wheat		Spring Wheat	
	Headed %	xxxx	Planted %	Emerged %
2026	5	-	48	13
Last year	-	-	75	22
5-year avg	-	-	49	14

★ 2025-26 Winter Wheat Conditions

	Very Poor %	Poor %	Fair %	Good %	Excellent %
Nov 16	3	12	50	32	3
Nov 23	3	13	41	39	4
Apr 05	10	13	45	32	0
Apr 12	9	10	48	33	0
Apr 19	9	12	40	39	0
Apr 26	9	12	44	34	1

2026 Spring Wheat Conditions

	Very Poor %	Poor %	Fair %	Good %	Excellent %
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★ Soil Moisture

As of April 26, 2026

	Very Short %	Short %	Adequate %	Surplus %
Topsoil	16	27	53	4
Subsoil	25	26	45	4

World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates

As of April 09, 2026

- The outlook for 2025/26 U.S. wheat this month is for slightly higher supplies, marginally lower domestic use, unchanged exports, and higher ending stocks. Avg. farm price is raised \$.05 to \$5.00/bu.
- This month's 2025/26 global wheat outlook is for higher supplies, lower consumption, but slightly less trade, and increased ending stocks. Production is estimated at 842.1 MMT.
- World ending stocks for 2025/26 are raised 6.2 MMT to 283.1 MMT. Global consumption is lowered 4.7 MMT to 820.1 MMT.

South Dakota Wheat Stocks

As of March 31, 2026

- Total stocks: 37.3 million bushels (-18% from 2024)
- On-farm stocks: 19.0 million bushels (-10% from 2024)
- Off-farm stocks: 18.3 million bushels (-25% from 2024)

2025-26 South Dakota Winter Wheat

As of March 31, 2026

- 690,000 acres estimated planted (-12% from 2025)

2024-25 South Dakota Winter Wheat

As of September 30, 2025

- 780,000 acres estimated planted (-9% from 2024)
- 630,000 acres projected harvested (-17% from 2024)
- 81% of planted acres projected harvested (-7% from 2024)
- 31.5 million bushels projected harvested (-34% from 2024)
- 50 bushels per acre projected harvested (-13 bu/ac from 2024)

2026 South Dakota Spring Wheat

As of March 31, 2026

- 650,000 acres projected planted (-4% from 2025)

2025 South Dakota Spring Wheat

As of September 30, 2025

- 680,000 acres estimated planted (+3% from 2024)
- 640,000 acres projected harvested (+2% from 2024)
- 94% of planted acres estimated harvested (-2% from 2024)
- 32.6 million bushels projected harvested (+5% from 2024)
- 51 bushels per acre projected harvested (+2 bu/a from 2024)

Source: USDA NASS www.nass.usda.gov

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★ Identifies data changed since last report