

South Dakota Wheat Outlook

★ Wheat Progress

Revised May 22, 2026

As of May 17, 2026

	Winter Wheat		Spring Wheat	
	Headed %	xxxx	Planted %	Emerged %
2026	8	-	96	74
Last year	-	-	99	83
5-year avg	1	-	92	66

★ 2025-26 Winter Wheat Conditions

	Very Poor %	Poor %	Fair %	Good %	Excellent %
Apr 12	9	10	48	33	0
Apr 19	9	12	40	39	0
Apr 26	9	12	44	34	1
May 03	9	13	45	33	0
May 10	10	15	39	35	1
May 17	10	17	41	31	1

2026 Spring Wheat Conditions

	Very Poor %	Poor %	Fair %	Good %	Excellent %
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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 May 01, 2026

- 690,000 acres estimated planted (-12% from 2025)
- 530,000 acres estimated harvested (-16% from 2025)
- 77% of planted acres projected harvested (-4% from 2025)
- 25.4 million bushels projected harvested (-19% from 2025)
- 48 bushels per acre projected harvested (-2 bu/ac from 2025)

2024-25 South Dakota Winter Wheat

As of September 30, 2025

- 780,000 acres estimated planted (-9% from 2024)
- 630,000 acres estimated harvested (-17% from 2024)
- 81% of planted acres estimated harvested (-7% from 2024)
- 31.5 million bushels estimated harvested (-34% from 2024)
- 50 bushels per acre estimated 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 estimated harvested (+5% from 2024)
- 51 bushels per acre estimated harvested (+2 bu/a from 2024)

★ Soil Moisture

As of May 17, 2026

	Very Short %	Short %	Adequate %	Surplus %
Topsoil	21	40	37	2
Subsoil	28	33	37	2

World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates

As of May 12, 2026

- The outlook for 2026/27 U.S. wheat this month is for reduced supplies and exports, lower domestic use, and smaller stocks. Avg. farm price is raised \$1.50 to \$6.50/bu.
- This month's 2026/27 global wheat outlook is for lower supplies, marginally lower consumption, reduced trade, and decreased ending stocks compared with 2025/26. Global production is estimated at 819.2 MMT, down from last year's record 843.8 MMT.
- World ending stocks for 2026/27 are down 4.2 MMT to 275.0 MMT. Global consumption is projected to be slightly lower at 823.2 MMT.

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