South Dakota Wheat Outlook

Revised October 23, 2026

★ Wheat Progress

As of October 18, 2026

	Winter Wheat		Spring Wheat	
	Planted %	Emerged %	Headed %	Harvested %
2026	89	64	100	100
Last year	NA	NA	100	100
5-year avg	89	55	100	100

2025-26 Winter Wheat Conditions

	Very Poor %	Poor %	Fair %	Good %	Excellent %
May 31	11	22	39	27	1
Jun 07	10	23	40	27	0
Jun 14	9	21	35	34	0
Jun 21	5	20	37	36	2
Jun 28	12	20	31	36	1
Jul 05	8	19	38	33	2

2026 Spring Wheat Conditions

	Very Poor %	Poor %	Fair %	Good %	Excellent %
Jul 19	2	8	48	40	2
Jul 26	2	19	49	26	1
Aug 02	3	12	42	42	1
Aug 09	4	17	37	39	3
Aug 16	3	17	37	39	3
Aug 23	4	17	37	39	3

★ Soil Moisture

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	Very Short %	Short %	Adequate %	Surplus %
Topsoil	12	34	52	2
Subsoil	21	43	34	2

World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates

As of October 1, 2026 (1 MT = 36.74 bu)

- The outlook for 2026/27 U.S. wheat this month is for higher supplies, increased domestic use, reduced exports and greater ending stocks. Avg. farm price is lowered to $6.30/bu.
- This month's 2026/27 global wheat outlook is for higher supplies, greater consumption, reduced trade, and slightly lower ending stocks compared with last month. Global production is projections are lowered slightly to 822.39 MMT.
- Projected world ending stocks for 2026/27 are fractionally lowered to 276.0 MMT. Global consumption is raised to 827.9 MMT.

South Dakota Wheat Stocks

As of September 1, 2026

- Total stocks: 55.0 million bushels (-21% from 2025)
- On-farm stocks: 23.0 million bushels (-45% from 2025)
- Off-farm stocks: 32.0 million bushels (+14% from 2025)

2025-26 South Dakota Winter Wheat

As of September 30, 2026

- 640,000 acres estimated planted (-18% from 2025)
- 490,000 acres projected harvested (-22% from 2025)
- 77% of planted acres projected harvested (-4% from 2025)
- 26.0 million bushels projected harvested (-17% from 2025)
- 53 bushels per acre projected harvested (+3 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 September 30, 2026

- 610,000 acres estimated planted (-10% from 2025)
- 580,000 acres projected harvested (-9% from 2025)
- 95% of planted acres projected harvested (+1% from 2025)
- 26.1 million bushels projected harvested (-20% from 2025)
- 45 bushels per acre projected harvested (-6 bu/ac 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)

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★ *Identifies data changed since last report*