

### Warm Weather Aids S. Dakota Field Work

SIoux FALLS (AP) — South Dakota farmers made progress planting crops last week because of warmer weather. The Agricultural Statistics Service said in its weekly report Monday that 93 percent of the corn had been planted but it's still behind the five-year average of 97 percent. Soybeans planting is 57 percent complete, compared to the average of 81 percent. Sunflower planting is 35 percent complete and equal to the five-year average. Feed supplies were rated 93 percent adequate to surplus and stock water was rated 100 percent adequate to surplus.

### Group Ponders S.D. Budget-Cutting Response

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A loosely organized group with ties to education, health care and business is exploring ways to restore budget cuts made by the 2011 Legislature but is undecided about its next step. The *Argus Leader* reported that the most significant potential outcome of the talks could be an initiated measure or constitutional amendment to increase the state sales tax that would boost revenues for education and Medicaid. Dave Hewett, president of the state Association of Health Care Organizations, said the talks are "much broader than that." The Legislature in March reduced per-student K-12 funding by 6.6 percent and cut reimbursements to Medicaid providers by 4.5 percent to 11.5 percent while cutting other agencies by 10 percent. Bryce Healy, executive director for the state teacher's union, described the situation as a process of discussions about research. The group wants to conduct extensive research, he said, including professional polling and focus groups about putting a proposal to a public vote.

Nov. 1 is the state's deadline for submitting the 15,855 signatures needed to put an initiated measure on the 2012 ballot. Nov. 7 is the deadline for constitutional amendments, which require 31,709 signatures. Before anyone can circulate a petition, the Legislative Research Council must review and comment on the measure's language before it is sent to the South Dakota attorney general's office for a title and explanation.

### Missouri River Closed To Recreational Boating

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A 150-mile stretch of the Missouri River from Sioux City to where Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri meet has been closed to recreational boating because of flooding. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources on Monday says the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers suspended recreational boating because of the "dangerous situation." A violation of the no-boating order can bring a maximum penalty of up to \$40,000. A "willful and knowing violation" of the order can mean a prison sentence. Meanwhile in Nebraska, officials say the U.S. Coast Guard has closed the river along Nebraska for recreational boating until further notice. Herb Angell is the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Boating Law Administrator. He says the wash and wake created by boats could cause additional damage to already flooded properties.

### Minot Allows Flood Evacuees Back To Homes

MINOT, N.D. (AP) — Minot officials said Monday that all 10,000 residents who were evacuated due to flooding are being allowed back in their homes. The *Minot Daily News* reports that all nine evacuation zones in the city are now voluntary, instead of mandatory. That means residents can move back into their homes in all zones in the city. Mayor Curt Zimbelman ordered the evacuation of residents near the Souris River last week. The river has since crested. Officials cautioned that residents should be ready to evacuate again if river levels rise.

# Levees Holding In Pierre-Ft. Pierre

BY CHET BROKAW  
Associated Press

PIERRE — Emergency earthen levees built to hold back fast-rising water from the Missouri River are working as intended in South Dakota cities threatened by flood waters, officials said Monday, and residents in some areas without levees were hoping sandbags would keep the water at bay. The main levee system in Pierre and across the river in Fort Pierre have been completed, and the levees are expected to continue blocking the water as the Missouri River nears its anticipated crest sometime Tuesday. "I feel very good about that," Gov. Dennis Daugaard said about the levee system. The main levee along the river at Dakota Dunes in southeastern South Dakota is expected to be completed by Tuesday morning, and some

parts already had several feet of water against them Monday, said Joe Lowe, commander of the emergency team working in the area. "The levee is being tested right now," Lowe said. "It's holding well." The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is pushing record amounts of water through Missouri River dams to get rid of unexpectedly heavy rains that fell last month upstream in eastern Montana and Wyoming and western North Dakota and South Dakota. The levees in Pierre, Fort Pierre and Dakota Dunes — where residents in low-lying areas were told last week to pack up and leave because of the flooding threat — have been built 2 feet higher than the expected high-water mark, which could be maintained until mid-July or later. Dakota Dunes also plans to complete work Thursday on a backup levee, which would offer

more protection if the main levee fails. The second levee also could be used to hold some water in the area to help equalize pressure on both sides of the main levee, officials said. Most people in the flood-threatened areas of Pierre and Fort Pierre have heeded the governor's request that they leave their homes, and nearly everyone has evacuated from a part of Dakota Dunes, mayors of the three cities said. Eric Stasch, operations manager of Oahe Dam just a few miles upstream of Pierre and Fort Pierre, said the water level in the area was within a few inches of 1,434 feet above sea level, the crest predicted to be reached Tuesday after releases from the dam reach their peak. Water levels at Dakota Dunes were slightly higher than 1,094 feet above sea level Monday, or about 4 feet below the crest expected by June 14, said LeeJay Templeton of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

# Officials Anticipate Full Breach Of Iowa Levee

BY GRANT SCHULTE  
Associated Press

HAMBURG, Iowa — Crews scrambled Monday to protect a southwest Iowa town from the swollen Missouri River, but local officials said it's unclear whether they'll be able to prevent the river from leaving the community under several feet of water for weeks. If efforts to pile massive sandbags on a faltering levee and build a secondary barrier fail, part of Hamburg could be under as much as 8 feet of water for a month or more, Fire Chief Dan Sturm said. Flooding along the river this summer — expected to break decades-old records — will test the system of levees, dams and flood walls like never before. "We're working against the

clock," Sturm said Monday as many residents were packing up their homes and heading out of town. "There's a chance we can save ourselves from the worst of it. We just need some time. But if water gets in here, it's going to be here for a while." The earthen levee that guards an area of farmland and small towns between Omaha, Neb., and Kansas City has been partially breached in at least two places south of the Iowa-Missouri border. And emergency management officials expect new breaches in the coming days as the river rises. That means Hamburg could be only the first of many communities to get hit. The last time the Missouri River crested at levels predicted for this summer happened in 1952, before most of the major dams along the

river were built. And the flooding is expected to last into mid-August. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be releasing more water than it ever has from the dams by mid-June, meaning there likely will be other levee problems like the

ones near Hamburg, said Kevin Grode with the corps' water management office. "With these high flows, there's the possibility of more levee breaches," Grode said.

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