

Warm Temps Push Crop Development In S.D.

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Warm temperatures in South Dakota spurred row crops to progress at a rapid rate last week.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says in its weekly crop and weather report that some areas of the state saw temperatures reach into the 110s, which is uncommon for late August. Precipitation was limited throughout the state. There were 6.8 days of fieldwork.

Topsoil moisture was rated at 67 percent very short, 24 percent short and 9 percent adequate.

About 94 percent of corn has reached the dough stage and 80 percent the dented stage.

Cattle conditions held steady at 69 percent good to excellent range, 25 percent fair and 6 percent poor to very poor.

Counties Want Right To Ban Fireworks

RAPID CITY — Fourteen counties in and around the Black Hills have agreed to push for legislation that gives counties the option to ban fireworks.

The Black Hills Association of County Commissioners passed a resolution that says counties with property in the National Forest, National Grassland or within the Black Hills Fire District should have the ability to ban fireworks, the *Rapid City Journal* reported.

The proposal now moves to the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners convention on Sept. 17-19. It could then get sponsored by a lawmaker for the next legislative session.

Pennington County Commissioner Ron Buskerud said it will be a challenge to get legislation approved.

"It's got a long, long way to go before it will ever become a law,"

Buskerud said. "The fireworks (industry) has a very strong lobby and it will be a fight if it gets to Pierre."

All government agencies in the Black Hills region banned fireworks on July 4 due to extreme fire danger.

Municipalities can ban the use and sale of fireworks but county governments can only ban fireworks if the fire index reaches "extreme."

New Rosebud Sioux Tribe President Sworn In

ROSEBUD (AP) — The Rosebud Sioux Tribe has sworn in a new president and several new council members.

Cyril "Whitey" Scott was sworn in as the tribe's new president during a ceremony at tribal headquarters Tuesday. He beat three-term president Rodney Bordeaux in a narrow victory last month.

Bordeaux had been one of the longest serving presidents for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council is made up of 24 elected positions. The elected positions include president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and 20 district representatives.

The president, vice president and 20 district representatives serve three year terms. The secretary and treasurer are elected for two-year terms.

Lightning Strike Blows Big Hole In S.D. Home

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Authorities say a lightning strike blew a big hole in a Sioux Falls home.

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue says the lightning strike occurred at about 11:10 p.m. on Monday. Four fire trucks and 16 firefighters were dispatched to the scene.

Authorities say firefighters found a large hole in the side of the house caused by the lightning strike but no evidence of a fire.

No injuries were reported.

Neb. Man Accused Of DUI In Golf Cart Accident

BEATRICE, Neb. (AP) — A 50-year-old Filley man has been arrested, accused of drunken driving in a golf cart at a lake in southeast Nebraska.

Beatrice radio station KWBE reports that Bryan Hill, of Filley, was driving early Sunday morning on pavement along the northeast corner of Rockford Lake when one of his three passengers fell off the cart and struck his head. The man, 30-year-old Dan Whittinger, of Beatrice, was taken to a Lincoln hospital. He was reported in critical condition on Tuesday.

Rockford Lake is about seven miles east-southeast of Beatrice.

A phone listed for Hill is no longer in service. Online court records don't list the name of his attorney.

Mom Of Slain Girl To Attend Killer's Execution

BY DIRK LAMMERS

Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — A woman whose 9-year-old daughter was kidnapped, raped and slashed to death in South Dakota 22 years ago says she's raised enough money to attend the convicted killer's execution.

Tina Curl, who moved to Lake Luzerne, N.Y., shortly after Becky O'Connell's death in May 1990, appealed for help last month because she couldn't afford the 1,400-mile road trip to South Dakota for Donald Moeller's execution.

Curl said publicity about her predicament brought in more than the needed \$4,000, with donations from as far away as Chicago and Alaska. She said it also spawned a slew of negative comments online telling Curl to let it go and that she needs help.

"Everybody wants to put me down be-

cause I want to be there to see the execution," Curl said. "Unless you've walked in my shoes, don't judge me. Don't tell me what you would do if it happened to you. You don't know until it happens to you."

A neighbor helped Curl set up an online PayPal account and open a fund at a local credit union. Curl estimated it would take about \$4,000 to cover gas, hotels, meals and other travel costs. Any donations over the amount spent on the trip will help cover unpaid bills from O'Connell's funeral, she said.

Authorities say Moeller kidnapped O'Connell from a Sioux Falls convenience store, drove her to a secluded area near the Big Sioux River, then raped and killed her. Her naked body was found the next day. She had been stabbed and her throat was slashed.

Moeller, 60, initially was convicted in 1992, but the state Supreme Court overturned it, ruling that improper evidence was used at

trial. He was again convicted and sentenced to die in 1997.

The state Supreme Court affirmed the sentence, and Moeller has lost appeals on both the state and federal levels.

In July, a South Dakota circuit court judge set the execution for between Oct. 28 and Nov. 3, with the exact date and time up to prison officials. Moeller said through his attorney that he accepts the execution as the consequences of his actions.

Curl has said she doesn't believe Moeller's execution will help bring her closure, but she said she needs to be there.

Curl, who has battled alcoholism and suffered a heart attack and quadruple bypass in May 2003, is on disability. Her husband, Dave Curl, who is not Becky's father, has been out of work for about a year.

They plan to leave New York by car on Oct. 25.

Tribe Secures Money In Effort To Buy S.D. Land

BY KRISTI EATON

Associated Press

SIoux FALLS — A Native American tribe trying to buy land it considers sacred in South Dakota's picturesque Black Hills is in negotiations with the landowners and has secured money for a deposit, though no final agreement has been reached, tribe officials said Tuesday.

The nearly 2,000 acres of pristine prairie grass plays a key role in the creation story of the tribes making up the Great Sioux Nation, and members fear that new owners would develop the property. The land, which the tribes call Pe' Sla, is the only sacred site on private land outside Sioux control.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe, whose reservation is among the closest to the land, has allocated an undisclosed amount of money as an earnest deposit on the land, though tribe spokesman Alfred Walking Bull said Tuesday that he couldn't specify the amount or where negotiations stood with the land owners.

"Basically, Rosebud is working out the details and the details will be forthcoming as early as next week," he said.

The tribe had earlier said it was allocating \$1.3 million to the cause, and donations to an online fundraising effort totaled about

\$300,000 by Tuesday, though tribal officials fear that the land could sell for between \$6 million and \$10 million.

The landowners, Leonard and Margaret Reynolds, declined comment Tuesday. An auction to sell that land had been scheduled for Aug. 25, but the couple cancelled it a few days before without commenting. Walking Bull said both sides have been working through a third party to handle negotiations.

Despite the hushed negotiations, tribe supporters praised the news of the progress.

"We are very pleased we've reached this positive milestone," said Chase Iron Eyes, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe who led the online fundraising effort. He said supporters will hold a celebration rally Wednesday in Rapid City.

The tribes believe the Sioux people were created from the Black Hills. According to part of their spiritual tradition, Pe' Sla is where the Morning Star fell to Earth, killing seven beings that killed seven women. The Morning Star placed the souls of the women into the night sky as "The Seven Sisters," also known as the Pleiades constellation.

Tribal members hold ceremonies and rituals on the land.

Corn Harvest Continues Ahead Of Schedule

BY DAVID PITT

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The U.S. corn harvest is ahead of schedule, with some states nearly half-finished at a time when they usually are just getting started, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported Tuesday.

The USDA's weekly crop update recorded little change in the condition of drought-damaged corn and soybeans despite recent rain.

Bruce Johnson, an agricultural economics professor at the University of Nebraska, said the rain from what was once Hurricane Isaac came too late for this year's corn and soybeans, but it will help replenish soil moisture — a step toward easing the drought in the Midwest.

Corn was planted several weeks earlier this year because of a warm spring, and Johnson said the harvest is moving quickly because the crop matured faster than usual in this summer's heat. Also, he said, farmers in some parts of the corn belt feared Isaac's winds would knock down weakened cornstalks and rushed to harvest what they could before the storm made it to their area.

Many others are simply eager to get this year behind them.

"Everybody has the same idea, let's just knock this out and get on with life," Johnson said.

The USDA said Tennessee has 49 percent of its corn in, compared to the usual 21 percent. Missouri is at 44 percent, ahead of the average 8 percent.


Nebraska is at 7 percent, and Iowa, the nation's leading corn producer, is at 5 percent. Typically those farmers haven't begun yet.


In Nebraska, farmers have been advised to keep a close watch on their equipment during the harvest because it's so dry the machinery could spark fires.

The drought damaged pastures as well as crops. The USDA said pastures in more than 95 percent of Nebraska, a big ranching state, are in poor or very poor condition. Ranchers are buying supplemental feed, and some farmers are chopping corn to feed their animals. Some have sold off cows as feed supplies dwindle and costs increase.

Iowa farmers face similar circumstances. Some farmers harvesting corn for grain are going back through the fields and baling the stalks for livestock feed.

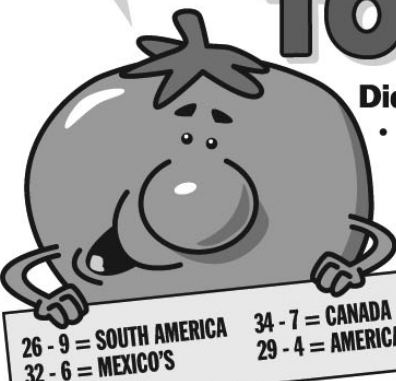
Eighty percent of Iowa's pasture and range land is rated poor or very poor.


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Use the Tomato Code!



HARVEST OF THE MONTH

TOMATOES

Did you know...

- Tomatoes are originally from **17**.
- 26** Aztecs and Mayans gave the tomato its name, first "xitomatle," then "tomatle" or "tomati."
- Thomas Jefferson was one of the first **25** to grow tomatoes in his home garden.

26 - 9 = SOUTH AMERICA
32 - 6 = MEXICO'S

34 - 7 = CANADA
29 - 4 = AMERICANS

Red & White Ball Salad

Make this tasty salad next time you want something healthy to munch.

Mix cherry tomatoes with small balls of mozzarella cheese in a bowl.

Sprinkle with extra virgin olive oil.

Season with a little salt and pepper.


Take a bite! Can you bite a tomato without squirting?

PASSING THE KETCHUP

Sources say that sales of this tomato-based condiment have surpassed that of ketchup in the U.S. Unscramble the letters to discover the answer.

LSAAS

MEET THE MUTANT TOMATO!



Not all tomatoes are smooth and round. They come in lots of shapes and sizes.

This tomato with a face like a Chinese lion mask was harvested in Japan.

The surprised farmer said, "It's the first time I've ever seen a tomato with a fully-formed face."

CANCER FIGHTER!

Tomatoes contain a chemical called **lycopene**, which gives tomatoes their reddish color. Many scientists believe it helps keep people healthy and prevents certain kinds of cancer and heart disease.

Try This!

Select one other page in the newspaper and use it to see if you can find and circle all the letters that spell lycopene. Connect the circled letters with lines, like a dot-to-dot! Color your lycopene design.

Super-Sauce Secret!

Hold this page up to a mirror to read:

Cooked tomato bread crumbs
such as sauce and
to stuomies redted highn amomomom.
saucez tshf war nsh enomom.
T of 2samsot wst to squb
omstomtom toml qub eno exl
samsz tshf wst bod qO2. samsz
qlug bms, ttrsdsgsq tuoy no
sneboqsh lypobesh tshf nwb

The Answer is TOMATO

Have the answer for a series of questions be the word **tomato**.

Now look through the newspaper to help you think of questions that would have **tomato** as the answer. Challenge a friend and see who can come up with the most.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

In the book, *I will Never NOT EVER Eat a Tomato* by Lauren Child, Lola gives tomatoes a funny name. To discover what she called them, cross out the word TOMATO each time it appears in this box. The leftover letters reveal the answer.

Why do you think she gave tomatoes this funny name?

**MTOMATOOTOMATOOTOMATONTOMATO
STOMATOQTOMATOOUTOMATOITOMATOR
TOMATOTTOMATOETOMATORTOMATOS**

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Join Tommy Tomato and his friend Buzz to learn more about tomatoes while playing games and having fun. Visit: www.kidscoop.com/kids

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

S	A	L	T	X	S	L	E	O	T
B	D	Z	R	G	A	I	L	L	L
I	L	A	T	P	E	O	K	I	Y
M	W	K	L	E	W	T	N	V	C
R	A	Y	T	A	C	O	I	E	O
G	O	S	L	R	S	S	R	B	P
U	T	Y	K	M	A	C	P	G	E
T	O	M	A	T	O	E	S	V	N
O	S	H	C	N	U	M	H	T	E

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Harvest News

Look through the newspaper for an article about food being grown and/or harvested. Summarize the article in one paragraph. Be sure to report the **who, what, when, where, why** and **how**.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of forms and genres.

Write On!

Send your story to:

Press & Dakotan
C/o Noelle Schlechter
319 Walnut Street
Yankton, SD 57078
605-665-7811, ext 112

What's Your Opinion

Should kids be allowed to vote? Why or why not?

Deadline: September 30 **Published:** Week of Oct. 28
Please include your school and grade.

Weekly Writing Corner

The Best Way To Eat A Tomato ...

Students finish the sentence and explain their choices. The best way to eat a tomato is to ...

Mix it up in a salad.
Vincent, 1st grade

I really like to eat tomatoes. The best way I think to eat a tomato is in a sandwich. I get my mom to lightly toast some slices of bread, add lettuce, then cut a large tomato into four or five slices and add salt. Take a big, gigantic bite and you have just the best sandwich with tomatoes that you have ever eaten. Yum! Enjoy! I just did!

Kiere, 3rd grade

I like to grow the tomatoes and pick them off the vines. I really don't eat tomatoes except when I put ketchup on my fries, hot dogs and hamburgers. My grandma eats them ripe, very red and cut into squares with sugar and salt and pepper. She also likes them in salads and sandwiches. I hear they are really good for you. — One day I think I will try it.

Rayne, 1st grade

The best way to eat a tomato is alone. I like to eat them in tacos and burritos too. But that is not the best way. Tomatoes plain is yum to my tum!

Abigail, 4th grade

I think the best way to eat a tomato is to throw it outside for the birds and the bunnies. I don't like tomatoes.

Jack, 4th grade

Doesn't everyone know that the best way to eat a tomato is on a pizza? When my mom makes pizza, the very first thing she does is spread tomato sauce over the pizza base. Then she puts grated cheese on the top and then pepperoni and black olives. My mom makes the best pizza and that includes tomatoes.

Sarah, 3rd grade