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**(S.D.)-Row Crop Harvest Speeding Along In The Dakotas**



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ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) - An early start to spring planting and a hot summer that pushed crops to maturity has led to an early row crop harvest in the Dakotas.

South Dakota State agronomy specialist Mark Rosenberg tells the American News the harvest might be done in record time. He says farmers might wrap up by Halloween instead of Thanksgiving.

Astoria, S.D., farmer David Iverson says that a similar rapid harvest happened in 1988, but that year drought hurt soybeans. He says the difference this year is the crop is pretty good considering the weather conditions.

So is the corn crop in the Dakotas. And the harvest should be done soon. South Dakota Wheat Growers agronomist David Clark says, "Who ever heard of all the corn being done before the pheasant opener?"