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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**SIOUX FALLS, SD** - For the week ending April 24, 2016, continued rainfall improved soil moisture ratings, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rangeland, pastureland, and emerging crops benefitted from last week's rainfall; however, planting progress was slowed for most eastern locations. There were 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 11 short, 83 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 14 short, 81 adequate, and 3 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 28 fair, 65 good, and 6 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 23 percent, ahead of 5 last year, and well ahead of 3 for the five-year average.

Corn planted was at 6 percent, behind 13 last year, but near 7 average.

Spring wheat planted was at 72 percent, behind 82 last year, but well ahead of 45 average. Emerged was at 24 percent, ahead of 7 last year and 16 average.

Oats planted was at 74 percent, near 78 last year, but well ahead of 51 average. Emerged was at 28 percent, near 27 last year, but ahead of 20 average.

Barley planted was at 41 percent, well behind 63 last year, but ahead of 34 average. Emerged was at 7 percent, behind 12 last year, but near 10 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 14 fair, 79 good, and 7 excellent. Calving was 77 percent complete, near 75 last year and 73 average. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 60 average, and 40 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 22 fair, 72 good, and 6 excellent. Lambing was 82 percent complete, near 86 last year and 80 average. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 71 average, and 29 light. Sheep shorn was at 76 percent, behind 84 last year.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 89 adequate, and 7 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 13 short, 84 adequate, and 2 surplus.

*Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency, SDSU Extension Service and other reporters across the State.*

*Access the National Crop Progress and Condition Report at:*

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2016/CropProg-04-25-2016.pdf>

*Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:*

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?SD>

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