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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Sioux Falls, SD – For the week ending July 17, 2016, oat and winter wheat harvests remained ahead of last year and the five-year average, although lodging slowed the pace in some locations, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Late-week thunderstorms brought rain, strong winds and hail to portions of the State. Soil moisture ratings remained short to very short in many areas as precipitation totals for the week varied considerably. There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 11 percent very short, 32 short, 56 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 32 short, 57 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 30 fair, 54 good, and 8 excellent. Winter wheat harvested was 53 percent, well ahead of 17 last year and 22 for the five-year average.

Corn condition rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 26 fair, 54 good, and 9 excellent. Corn silking was 37 percent, ahead of 32 last year and 23 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 11 poor, 42 fair, 41 good, and 3 excellent. Spring wheat coloring was 86 percent, ahead of 67 last year, and well ahead of 52 average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 27 fair, 59 good, and 7 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 65 percent, ahead of 47 last year and 53 average. Setting pods was 17 percent, ahead of 5 last year and 7 average.

Oats condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 29 fair, 61 good, and 3 excellent. Oats coloring was 81 percent, ahead of 71 last year, and well ahead of 61 average. Harvested was 38 percent, well ahead of 13 last year and 15 average.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 10 poor, 44 fair, 38 good, and 8 excellent. Barley headed was 94 percent, ahead of 84 last year and 87 average. Coloring was 65 percent, well ahead of 34 last year and 39 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 35 fair, 63 good, and 0 excellent. Sorghum headed was 23 percent, near 27 last year, but ahead of 18 average. Coloring was at 1 percent, ahead of 0 both last year and average.

Sunflowers condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 49 fair, 47 good, and 0 excellent. Sunflowers emerged was 98 percent, ahead of 93 last year. Blooming was 11 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 4 average.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 9 percent very poor, 20 poor, 49 fair, 22 good, and 0 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 46 percent, ahead of 32 last year and 41 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 14 poor, 34 fair, 45 good, and 2 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 21 short, 73 adequate, and 1 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-07-18-2016.pdf>

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

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

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