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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Sioux Falls, SD – For the week ending July 31, 2016, third cutting of alfalfa began in parts of South Dakota, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. A majority of alfalfa was rated in fair to poor condition due to minimal rainfall across large areas of the State this summer. Precipitation for the week was confined to scattered showers and storms. Damage from hail and strong winds was reported in parts of northern and western South Dakota. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 34 short, 52 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 38 short, 52 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat harvested was 87 percent, well ahead of 67 last year and the five-year average of 63.

Corn condition rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 31 fair, 49 good, and 9 excellent. Corn silking was 83 percent, near 81 last year, and ahead of 76 average. Dough was 20 percent, ahead of 12 both last year and average.

Spring wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 13 poor, 44 fair, 36 good, and 4 excellent. Spring wheat harvested was 55 percent, well ahead of 18 last year and 25 average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 33 fair, 53 good, and 7 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 89 percent, ahead of 79 last year and 83 average. Setting pods was 65 percent, ahead of 48 last year, and well ahead of 40 average.

Oats condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 38 fair, 51 good, and 3 excellent. Oats coloring was 93 percent, near 97 last year and 92 average. Harvested was 78 percent, well ahead of 57 last year and 47 average.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 9 poor, 45 fair, 38 good, and 8 excellent. Barley coloring was 88 percent, ahead of 77 last year and 75 average. Mature was 33 percent, near 32 last year. Harvested was 25 percent, behind 33 last year, but near 23 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 36 fair, 61 good, and 0 excellent. Sorghum headed was 62 percent, near 64 last year, but ahead of 49 average. Coloring was at 13 percent, ahead of 1 last year and 3 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 0 percent very poor, 10 poor, 43 fair, 46 good, and 1 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 32 percent, ahead of 17 last year and 21 average.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 8 percent very poor, 25 poor, 45 fair, 21 good, and 1 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 62 percent, ahead of 54 last year, but behind 72 average. Third cutting was 6 percent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 18 poor, 35 fair, 40 good, and 1 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 26 short, 68 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-08-01-2016.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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