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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Sioux Falls, SD – For the week ending August 7, 2016, winter wheat harvest neared completion following a mostly dry week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvest of other small grains also advanced. Scattered showers and thunderstorms brought much needed precipitation to parts of northeast, east central and western South Dakota. Damage from wind and hail was also reported with some storms. However, soil moisture ratings declined as a majority of the State remained dry for the week. There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 14 percent very short, 38 short, 47 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 11 percent very short, 41 short, 48 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat harvested was 92 percent, ahead of 87 last year and the five-year average of 81.

Corn condition rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 32 fair, 47 good, and 8 excellent. Corn silking was 94 percent, near 91 last year, and ahead of 89 average. Dough was 47 percent, ahead of 30 last year and 28 average. Dented was 3 percent, near 1 last year and 2 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 12 poor, 46 fair, 36 good, and 3 excellent. Spring wheat harvested was 73 percent, well ahead of 45 last year and 40 average.

Soybeans condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 33 fair, 50 good, and 7 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 94 percent, ahead of 88 last year, and near 91 average. Setting pods was 78 percent, ahead of 66 last year and 59 average.

Oats condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 38 fair, 51 good, and 3 excellent. Oats coloring was 98 percent, equal to last year, and near 97 average. Harvested was 87 percent, ahead of 76 last year and 68 average.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 10 poor, 42 fair, 40 good, and 8 excellent. Barley coloring was 91 percent, near 90 last year and 89 average. Mature was 60 percent, near 61 last year and 63 average. Harvested was 52 percent, equal to last year.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 5 poor, 44 fair, 50 good, and 1 excellent. Sorghum headed was 81 percent, near 77 last year, and ahead of 70 average. Coloring was at 17 percent, ahead of 2 last year and 9 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 0 percent very poor, 13 poor, 38 fair, 45 good, and 4 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 56 percent, ahead of 45 last year and 39 average.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 8 percent very poor, 24 poor, 46 fair, 21 good, and 1 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 71 percent, near 69 last year, but behind 81 average. Third cutting was 23 percent, ahead of 7 last year and 18 average

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 7 percent very poor, 18 poor, 36 fair, 38 good, and 1 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 29 short, 64 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-08-08-2016.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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