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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Sioux Falls, SD – For the week ending October 16, 2016, fall fieldwork progressed under mild temperatures and minimal precipitation, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Winter wheat seeding neared completion, while sorghum and sunflower harvests advanced ahead of average. Producers continued to wean calves and move livestock to corn stocks where available. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 23 short, 64 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 29 short, 62 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 4 percent very poor, 11 poor, 29 fair, 46 good, and 10 excellent. Corn mature was 98 percent, near 94 last year and the five-year average of 95. Harvested was 31 percent, near 34 last year, and behind 41 average.

Soybeans harvested was 78 percent, behind 85 last year and 83 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 36 fair, 57 good, and 4 excellent. Sorghum mature was 97 percent, ahead of 89 last year and 90 average. Harvested was 67 percent, well ahead of 36 last year and 47 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 34 fair, 57 good, and 4 excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dried was 97 percent. Bracts turning yellow was 90 percent, behind 95 last year and 97 average. Bracts turning brown was 83 percent, near 86 last year. Harvested was 41 percent, ahead of 26 last year and 28 average.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 8 percent very poor, 20 poor, 48 fair, 24 good, and 0 excellent. Alfalfa hay third cutting was 95 percent, near 94 last year and 98 average. Fourth cutting was 55 percent.

Winter wheat planted was 96 percent, near 95 last year, and ahead of 90 average. Emerged was 63 percent, near 67 last year, but ahead of 53 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 9 percent very poor, 18 poor, 37 fair, 34 good, and 2 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 22 short, 69 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-10-17-2016.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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