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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD April 8, 2013 – For the week ending April 7, 2013, below normal temperatures across the eastern part of the state limited fieldwork in most areas, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, South Dakota Field Office. Average snow depth across the state was reported at less than an inch. With an average 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork across the state, small grain seeding was underway, but is still well behind last year. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 28 percent very short, 38 percent short, 32 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 46 percent very short, 38 percent short, 15 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Major agricultural activities during the week included, caring for livestock and preparing for spring planting.

**Weather Report:** Precipitation and temperature data are now being provided through the High Plains Regional Climate Center. See link below for the latest updates. A link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor graphic is also provided.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 47 percent very poor, 28 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 3 percent good, and 0 percent excellent. Three percent of spring wheat has been seeded, compared to 48 percent last year and 14 percent average. Oats seeding rated 12 percent complete, behind 45 percent last year, but near 11 percent average. Only 1 percent of barley has been seeded, behind 24 percent last year and 7 percent average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Calving was 50 percent complete and lambing 73 percent complete. Only 3 percent of cattle were reported as moved to pasture. Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 70 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Pasture and range conditions rated 33 percent very poor, 33 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 7 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Hay and forage supplies were 26 percent very short, 31 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Stock water supplies rated 30 percent very short, 31 percent short, 37 percent adequate, and 2 percent 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 publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:*

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2013/CropProg-04-08-2013.pdf>

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

[http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update\\_region&state=SD&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=SD&region=HPRCC)

*Access the US Drought Monitor at:*

[http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM\\_state.htm?SD,HP](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?SD,HP)