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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD April 22, 2013 – For the week ending April 21, 2013, cooler than normal temperatures, snow, and freezing rain continued to limit field work in most areas of the state, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, South Dakota Field Office. Average snow depth across the state was reported at 3.5 inches. Late spring storms continue to cause calving and lambing problems. With only 0.2 day suitable for fieldwork, planting activities were on hold. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 24 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 32 percent very short, 43 percent short, 24 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 22 percent very poor, 31 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 6 percent good, and 0 percent excellent. Spring wheat seeding made no progress for the week, with only 6 percent complete, well behind last year at 90 percent and 40 percent average. Oats seeding rated 20 percent complete, behind 81 percent last year and 38 percent average. Barley seeding, at 7 percent complete, is also well behind 69 percent last year and 25 percent average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Calving was 68 percent complete and lambing 80 percent complete. Only 4 percent of cattle were reported as moved to pasture. Cattle and calf conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. Cattle and calves death loss reported at 8 percent below average, 77 percent average, and 15 percent above average. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 15 percent excellent. Sheep and lambs death loss reported at 4 percent below average, 91 percent average, and 5 percent above average. Pasture and range conditions rated 24 percent very poor, 32 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 7 percent good, and 0 percent excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 27 percent very short, 34 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were 23 percent very short, 32 percent short, 44 percent adequate, and 1 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-04-22-2013.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 U.S. Drought Monitor at:*

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