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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD May 28, 2013 – For the week ending May 26, 2013, much needed rainfall occurred across most areas of the state limiting planting activities, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, South Dakota Field Office. Statewide, there were only 2.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies improved with 0 percent rated very short, 11 short, 77 adequate and 12 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies also improved and rated 9 percent very short, 34 short, 52 adequate and 5 surplus. Range and pasture conditions also showed improvement with recent rain.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 35 percent very poor, 29 poor, 29 fair, 7 good, and 0 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was at 20 percent. Winter wheat headed showed little progress at 1 percent, behind 70 last year and 16 average.

Spring wheat seeding was 100 percent complete, equal to last year's 100 and just ahead of 98 average. Spring wheat emerged was 77 percent, behind last year at 100 and 87 average.

Oats seeding was 99 percent complete, near last year at 100 but ahead of 96 average. Oats were 79 percent emerged, behind 100 last year and 83 average. Oats condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 38 fair, 54 good, and 7 excellent.

Barley seeding was 99 percent complete, near 100 for 2012 but ahead of 92 average. Barley was 65 percent emerged, behind 100 for 2012 but near 68 average.

Corn planting was 91 percent complete, behind last year at 98 but ahead of 87 average. Fifty-two percent of corn has emerged, behind last year at 83 but ahead of 47 average.

Soybean planting advanced 20 percentage points with 48 percent complete, behind last year at 83 and close to 52 average. Soybeans were 9 percent emerged, behind last year at 44 and 17 average.

Sorghum planted was 23 percent complete, behind 2012 at 48 and 30 average. Sorghum was 1 percent emerged, behind 2012 at 16 and 7 average.

Sunflowers planted were at 6 percent, behind last year at 26 and 17 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Sixty-three percent of cattle were reported as moved to pasture compared to 43 percent the week before. Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 23 fair, 60 good, and 13 excellent. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 63 good, and 22 excellent. Pasture and range conditions rated 7 percent very poor, 22 poor, 41 fair, 26 good, and 4 excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 30 percent very short, 32 short, 36 adequate, and 2 surplus. Stock water supplies were 12 percent very short, 25 short, 61 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 publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:
<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2013/CropProg-05-28-2013.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®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:
http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?SD,HP