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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD June 17, 2013 – For the week ending June 16, 2013, rain early in the week limited fieldwork in some areas, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, South Dakota Field Office. Statewide, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 8 short, 81 adequate, and 11 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 22 short, 72 adequate, and 4 surplus. Range and pasture conditions continue to improve due to the wet and cooler than normal weather. Major farm activities included finishing up planting, spraying for weeds and beginning to cut alfalfa.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat jointed was at 76 percent. Winter wheat headed was at 39 percent, well behind 99 last year and 73 average. Condition rated 34 percent very poor, 21 poor, 30 fair, 15 good, and 0 excellent.

Spring wheat jointed was at 56 percent, behind 2012 at 96 and 62 average. Headed was at 18 percent, also behind last year at 76 and 28 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 31 fair, 55 good, and 9 excellent.

Oats were 69 percent jointed, behind 96 last year but ahead of 60 average. Headed was at 16 percent, behind last year at 68 and 26 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 28 fair, 62 good, and 9 excellent.

Barley was at 77 percent jointed, behind last year at 92 but ahead of 47 average. Headed was at 17 percent, also behind last year at 23 but ahead of 14 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 25 fair, 73 good, and 2 excellent.

Corn was 95 percent emerged, behind last year at 100 but equal to 95 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 24 fair, 59 good, and 12 excellent.

Soybean planting was 91 percent complete, behind last year at 100 and near 93 average. Emerged was at 70 percent, behind last year at 96 but near 73 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 25 fair, 63 good, and 11 excellent.

Sorghum planted was 88 percent complete, behind 2012 at 93 but ahead of 85 average. Emerged was at 37 percent, behind 2012 at 73 and 52 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 52 fair, 44 good, and 2 excellent.

Sunflowers planted were at 45 percent, behind last year at 78 and 65 average.

The first cutting of alfalfa was 18 percent complete, behind 2012 at 71 and 43 average. Alfalfa hay condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 27 fair, 64 good, and 7 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Ninety-five percent of cattle were reported as moved to pasture compared to 90 percent the week before. Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 8 poor, 29 fair, 52 good, and 10 excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 26 percent very short, 20 short, 52 adequate, and 2 surplus. Stock water supplies rated 4 percent very short, 19 short, 73 adequate, and 4 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-06-17-2013.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