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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD June 24, 2013 – For the week ending June 23, 2013, scattered rain showers and above normal temperatures helped advance crop development in most areas of the state, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, South Dakota Field Office. Statewide, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 9 short, 74 adequate, and 17 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 17 short, 72 adequate, and 8 surplus. Major farm activities included spraying for weeds and cutting hay.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat jointed was at 88 percent. Winter wheat headed was at 63 percent, well behind 100 last year and 90 average. Condition rated 35 percent very poor, 16 poor, 29 fair, 19 good, and 1 excellent.

Spring wheat jointed was at 75 percent, behind 2012 at 99 and 81 average. Headed was at 22 percent, also behind last year at 94 and 46 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 33 fair, 52 good, and 9 excellent.

Oats were 77 percent jointed, behind 99 last year, but near 79 average. Headed was at 30 percent, behind last year at 91 and 47 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 23 fair, 65 good, and 9 excellent.

Barley was at 88 percent jointed, behind last year at 97, but ahead of 72 average. Headed was at 40 percent, also behind last year at 63, but ahead of 31 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 32 fair, 67 good, and 0 excellent.

Corn condition rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 28 fair, 52 good, and 14 excellent.

Soybean planting was 98 percent complete, behind last year at 100, but ahead of 97 average. Emerged was at 84 percent, behind last year at 100 and 87 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 29 fair, 55 good, and 12 excellent.

Sorghum planted was 97 percent complete, ahead of 2012 at 96 and 95 average. Emerged was at 69 percent, behind 2012 at 89 and 73 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 40 fair, 54 good, and 2 excellent.

Sunflowers planted advanced 36 percentage points to 81 percent, behind last year at 92, but near 84 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 28 poor, 20 fair, 48 good, and 4 excellent.

The first cutting of alfalfa was 42 percent complete, behind 2012 at 77 and 58 average. Alfalfa hay condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 29 fair, 61 good, and 7 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 21 fair, 60 good, and 14 excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 13 percent very short, 19 short, 66 adequate, and 2 surplus. Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 14 short, 77 adequate, and 7 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-06-24-2013.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)

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