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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD July 8, 2013 – For the week ending July 7, 2013, warmer, dry weather has allowed corn to pick up the pace of development, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Producers are enjoying good haying conditions with last week's weather and are catching up on spraying. Some areas of the state will need a timely rain within a week to keep growing conditions favorable. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 15 short, 74 adequate, and 7 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 22 short, 68 adequate, and 6 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat headed was at 98 percent, near 100 last year and 99 average. Turning color was at 25 percent, well behind 100 last year and 74 average. Condition rated 38 percent very poor, 20 poor, 27 fair, 14 good, and 1 excellent.

Spring wheat jointed was at 99 percent, near 2012 at 100 and 98 average. Headed was at 86 percent, behind last year at 100 but near 85 average. Turning color was at 3 percent, well behind 88 last year and 28 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 11 poor, 28 fair, 49 good, and 11 excellent.

Oats were 94 percent jointed, behind 100 last year and 97 average. Headed was at 85 percent, behind last year at 100 but ahead of 81 average. Turning color was at 8 percent, well behind 80 last year and 33 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 68 good, and 10 excellent.

Barley was at 88 percent headed, behind last year at 95 but ahead of 68 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 24 fair, 73 good, and 0 excellent.

Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 18 fair, 59 good, and 17 excellent.

Soybean blooming was at 8 percent, behind last year at 43 and 21 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 60 good, and 17 excellent.

Sorghum emerged was at 97 percent, near 2012 at 100 and 98 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 5 poor, 36 fair, 57 good, and 2 excellent.

Sunflower condition rated 0 percent very poor, 24 poor, 24 fair, 50 good, and 2 excellent.

The first cutting of alfalfa was 90 percent complete, behind 2012 at 99 but near 87 average. Alfalfa hay condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 20 fair, 67 good, and 10 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 19 fair, 56 good, and 19 excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 13 short, 83 adequate, and 3 surplus. Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 12 short, 83 adequate, and 3 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-07-08-2013.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 U.S. Drought Monitor at:

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