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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD July 15, 2013 – For the week ending July 14, 2013, timely rain in most areas of the state and above normal temperatures improved crop development last week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, portions of western South Dakota are in need of moisture. Haying is in full swing across most areas of the state. Statewide, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 18 short, 70 adequate, and 7 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 20 short, 66 adequate, and 6 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat turning color was 82 percent, behind 100 last year and 91 average. Ripe was 3 percent, well behind 97 last year and 41 average. Condition rated 36 percent very poor, 23 poor, 27 fair, 13 good, and 1 excellent.

Spring wheat headed was 97 percent, behind last year at 100 but near 94 average. Turning color was 21 percent, well behind 98 last year and 46 average. Condition rated 7 percent very poor, 6 poor, 27 fair, 48 good, and 12 excellent.

Oats were 99 percent jointed, near 100 last year and 100 average. Headed was 92 percent, behind last year at 100 but near 93 average. Turning color was 26 percent, well behind 94 last year and 55 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 3 poor, 25 fair, 60 good, and 9 excellent.

Barley was 91 percent headed, behind last year at 99 but ahead of 87 average. Turning color was 42 percent, well behind 95 last year but ahead of 40 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 34 fair, 60 good, and 1 excellent.

Corn silking was 6 percent, behind 34 last year but near 9 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 56 good, and 19 excellent.

Soybean blooming was 36 percent, behind last years' 70 and 41 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 24 fair, 54 good, and 17 excellent.

Sorghum headed was 4 percent, behind 11 last year but equal to 4 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 44 fair, 51 good, and 1 excellent.

Sunflower blooming was 1 percent, behind last year at 7 but near 2 average. Condition rated 5 percent very poor, 14 poor, 24 fair, 55 good, and 2 excellent.

The first cutting of alfalfa was 93 percent complete, behind 100 last year but equal to 93 average. The second cutting of alfalfa was 18 percent complete, behind 2012 at 78 and 36 average. Alfalfa hay condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 25 fair, 64 good, and 9 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 6 poor, 19 fair, 57 good, and 18 excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 10 short, 85 adequate, and 4 surplus. Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 15 short, 77 adequate, and 5 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-07-15-2013.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