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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD July 29, 2013 – For the week ending July 28, 2013, cooler than normal temperatures closed out the week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The corn crop is looking very good in many areas of the state, though timely rains are needed to meet yield potential as it moves into the reproductive stages. Wheat harvest continues to gain momentum. Statewide, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 24 short, 65 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 26 short, 63 adequate, and 4 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat turning color was 99 percent, behind 100 last year and average. Ripe was 72 percent, behind 100 last year and 92 average. Harvested were 21 percent, well behind 100 last year and 60 average.

Spring wheat turning color was 91 percent, behind 100 last year and near 90 average. Ripe was 21 percent, well behind 99 last year and 46 average. Harvested were 3 percent, also well behind 78 last year and 22 average. Condition rated 6 percent very poor, 6 poor, 39 fair, 45 good, and 4 excellent.

Oats turning color was 90 percent, behind 100 last year and near 89 average. Ripe was 42 percent, well behind 100 last year and 57 average. Harvested were 20 percent, also well behind 89 last year and 30 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 28 fair, 60 good, and 7 excellent.

Barley turning color was 84 percent, behind 100 last year but near 85 average. Ripe was 35 percent, well behind 99 last year but near 39 average. Harvested were 4 percent, also well behind 60 last year and 16 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 41 fair, 56 good, and 2 excellent.

Corn silking was 69 percent, behind 78 last year but ahead of 45 average. Dough was 4 percent, behind 16 last year but near 5 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 22 fair, 52 good, and 21 excellent.

Soybean blooming was 74 percent, behind last year's 90 and 77 average. Setting pods were 19 percent, behind 49 last year and 26 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 27 fair, 52 good, and 16 excellent.

Sorghum headed was 41 percent, behind 44 last year but ahead of 24 average. Coloring was 1 percent, behind 2 last year but equal to 1 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 32 fair, 59 good, and 6 excellent.

Sunflower blooming was 11 percent, behind last year at 37 but near 14 average. Condition rated 10 percent very poor, 8 poor, 27 fair, 51 good, and 4 excellent.

The second cutting of alfalfa was 75 percent complete, behind 2012 at 89 but ahead of 68 average. The third cutting of alfalfa was 3 percent complete, behind 28 last year and 7 average. Alfalfa hay condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 28 fair, 62 good, and 6 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 22 fair, 59 good, and 13 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 16 short, 78 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-07-29-2013.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

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