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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD August 5, 2013 – For the week ending August 4, 2013, below normal temperatures across the entire state slowed crop development, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rain showers were reported across most of the state. Lack of moisture in some areas was having a negative impact on crop development. Cooler temperatures improved range and pasture conditions. Statewide, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 23 short, 66 adequate, and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 26 short, 63 adequate, and 4 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat was 94 percent ripe, behind 100 last year and 98 average. Harvested were 53 percent, well behind 100 last year and 82 average.

Spring wheat turning color was 96 percent, behind 100 last year but near 98 average. Ripe was 34 percent, well behind 100 last year and 73 average. Harvested were 8 percent, also well behind 94 last year and 40 average. Condition rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 39 fair, 41 good, and 4 excellent.

Oats turning color was 98 percent, behind 100 last year and near 96 average. Ripe was 73 percent, behind 100 last year and 77 average. Harvested were 41 percent, well behind 98 last year and 52 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 32 fair, 59 good, and 7 excellent.

Barley turning color was 93 percent, behind 100 last year but near 95 average. Ripe was 77 percent, well behind 100 last year but ahead of 64 average. Harvested were 8 percent, also well behind 83 last year and 31 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 43 fair, 55 good, and 0 excellent.

Corn silking was 87 percent, behind 95 last year but ahead of 70 average. Dough was 15 percent, behind 36 last year but near 14 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 19 fair, 53 good, and 21 excellent.

Soybean blooming was 89 percent, behind last year's 92 but near 87 average. Setting pods were 37 percent, behind 68 last year and 45 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 27 fair, 54 good, and 15 excellent.

Sorghum headed was 66 percent, behind 73 last year but ahead of 49 average. Coloring was 4 percent, behind 17 last year and 7 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 35 fair, 54 good, and 8 excellent.

Sunflower blooming was 22 percent, behind last year at 43 and 26 average. Condition rated 6 percent very poor, 17 poor, 26 fair, 48 good, and 3 excellent.

The second cutting of alfalfa was 86 percent complete, behind 2012 at 93 but ahead of 80 average. The third cutting of alfalfa was 8 percent complete, behind 44 last year and 15 average. Alfalfa hay condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 28 fair, 58 good, and 10 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 25 fair, 55 good, and 14 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 18 short, 73 adequate, and 6 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-08-05-2013.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