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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD August 26, 2013 – For the week ending August 25, 2013, hot, dry weather in most areas of the state was causing stress on crops, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Dry conditions aided the small grain harvest, but row crops are in need of additional moisture. Major farm activities included harvesting hay, scouting row crops for pests and caring for livestock. Statewide, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 11 percent very short, 34 short, 53 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 12 percent very short, 34 short, 53 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat was 94 percent harvested, behind 100 last year and average.

Spring wheat ripe was 98 percent, behind 100 last year and average. Harvested were 75 percent, well behind 100 last year and 91 average.

Oats harvested were 94 percent, behind 100 last year and near 95 average.

Barley was 98 percent ripe, behind 100 last year and equal to 98 average. Harvested were 55 percent, well behind 100 last year and 87 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 50 fair, 48 good, and 0 excellent.

Corn at the dough stage was 79 percent, behind 92 last year but ahead of 73 average. Dent was 18 percent, behind 63 last year and 28 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 9 poor, 20 fair, 50 good, and 18 excellent.

Soybeans setting pods were 91 percent, behind 99 last year and 95 average. Dropping leaves were 2 percent, behind 24 last year and 9 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 12 poor, 25 fair, 47 good, and 15 excellent.

Sorghum headed was 98 percent, near 97 last year and ahead of 93 average. Coloring was 31 percent, behind 52 last year and 41 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 25 fair, 59 good, and 13 excellent.

Sunflower blooming was 91 percent, behind last year at 100 and 94 average. Ray flowers dry were 8 percent, well behind last year at 47 and 24 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 28 fair, 56 good, and 7 excellent.

The second cutting of alfalfa was 96 percent complete, behind 2012 at 100 but near 95 average. The third cutting of alfalfa was 49 percent complete, behind 68 last year but ahead of 46 average. Alfalfa hay condition rated 0 percent very poor, 7 poor, 31 fair, 51 good, and 11 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 8 poor, 29 fair, 51 good, and 11 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 4 percent very short, 17 short, 74 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-08-26-2013.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