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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD September 3, 2013 – For the week ending September 1, 2013, hot, dry weather persisted in most areas of South Dakota last week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The exception was the north central part of the state which received some much needed rainfall. Major farm activities included harvesting small grains, scouting row crops for pests and caring for livestock. Statewide, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 42 short, 44 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 42 short, 44 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat was 99 percent harvested, near 100 last year and average.

Spring wheat harvested was 96 percent, behind 100 last year but near 97 average.

Oats harvested were 98 percent, near 100 last year and equal to 98 average.

Barley harvested was 90 percent, behind 100 last year and 95 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 50 fair, 48 good, and 0 excellent.

Corn at the dough stage was 90 percent, behind 94 last year but ahead of 87 average. Dented was 41 percent, behind 78 last year and 49 average. Mature was 1 percent, behind 16 last year and 5 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 11 poor, 25 fair, 46 good, and 15 excellent.

Soybeans setting pods were 97 percent, behind 100 last year but near 98 average. Dropping leaves were 8 percent, well behind 50 last year and 24 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 13 poor, 27 fair, 47 good, and 10 excellent.

Sorghum at the coloring stage was 52 percent, behind 75 last year and 61 average. Mature was 1 percent, behind 11 last year and 4 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 23 fair, 62 good, and 13 excellent.

Sunflower blooming was 98 percent, near last year at 100 and equal to 98 average. Ray flowers dry were 18 percent, well behind last year at 66 and 47 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 15 poor, 27 fair, 52 good, and 5 excellent.

The third cutting of alfalfa was 72 percent complete, ahead of 71 last year and 59 average. Alfalfa hay condition rated 1 percent very poor, 9 poor, 32 fair, 48 good, and 10 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 11 poor, 34 fair, 46 good, and 8 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 4 percent very short, 20 short, 74 adequate, and 2 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-09-03-2013.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