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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD September 9, 2013 – For the week ending September 8, 2013, above normal temperatures persisted across the entire state last week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn silage harvest was underway in some areas and producers were preparing equipment for row crop harvest. Statewide, there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 18 percent very short, 41 short, 40 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 43 short, 40 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat seeding was 5 percent complete, near 7 last year and behind 12 average.

Barley harvested was 97 percent, behind 100 last year and 99 average.

Corn at the dough stage was 98 percent, ahead of 97 last year and 94 average. Dented was 67 percent, behind 89 last year and 70 average. Mature was 5 percent, well behind 41 last year and 13 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 11 poor, 23 fair, 50 good, and 13 excellent.

Soybeans dropping leaves were 28 percent, well behind 74 last year and 41 average. Condition rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 30 fair, 45 good, and 9 excellent.

Sorghum coloring was 75 percent, well behind 96 last year and 80 average. Mature was 7 percent, behind 38 last year and 14 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 17 fair, 71 good, and 11 excellent.

Sunflower with ray flowers dry were 63 percent, behind last year at 76 and 70 average. Bracts yellow were 10 percent, well behind last year at 59 and 41 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 22 poor, 21 fair, 50 good, and 5 excellent.

The third cutting of alfalfa was 80 percent complete, ahead of 74 last year and 70 average. Alfalfa hay condition rated 0 percent very poor, 6 poor, 34 fair, 52 good, and 8 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 11 poor, 38 fair, 43 good, and 6 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 4 percent very short, 22 short, 73 adequate, and 1 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-09-09-2013.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