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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD September 16, 2013 – For the week ending September 15, 2013, above normal temperatures continued statewide, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Row crops were moving towards maturity, with corn silage harvest in full swing. Baling hay and moving bales were other major activities. Statewide, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 17 percent very short, 42 short, 40 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 44 short, 39 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat seeding was 15 percent complete, near 13 last year but behind 23 average.

Corn at the dent stage was 85 percent, behind 95 last year but near 83 average. Mature was 18 percent, well behind 67 last year and 27 average. Harvested was 1 percent complete, also well behind 17 last year and 4 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 27 fair, 47 good, and 13 excellent.

Soybeans dropping leaves were 47 percent, well behind 91 last year and 60 average. Condition rated 5 percent very poor, 14 poor, 29 fair, 44 good, and 8 excellent.

Sorghum coloring was 85 percent, well behind 100 last year and 91 average. Mature was 12 percent, also well behind 57 last year and 23 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 20 fair, 67 good, and 11 excellent.

Sunflower with ray flowers dry were 83 percent, behind last year at 95 and 88 average. Bracts yellow were 38 percent, well behind last year at 80 and 63 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 22 poor, 25 fair, 46 good, and 6 excellent.

The third cutting of alfalfa was 88 percent complete, ahead of 79 last year and 76 average. Alfalfa hay condition rated 0 percent very poor, 9 poor, 38 fair, 46 good, and 7 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 14 poor, 40 fair, 38 good, and 6 excellent. Stock water supplies were 4 percent very short, 25 short, 68 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-09-16-2013.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