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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD September 23, 2013 – For the week ending September 22, 2013, near normal temperatures were recorded across most of the state last week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Row crops continued to advance in maturity. Activities included seeding winter wheat, finishing up the hay season, scouting fields for row crop harvest, and moving livestock to fall pastures. Statewide, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 20 percent very short, 42 short, 37 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 21 percent very short, 44 short, 34 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat seeding was 43 percent complete, ahead of 34 last year but near 44 average. Emerged was 6 percent complete, ahead of 1 last year but behind 10 average.

Corn at the dent stage was 90 percent, behind 99 last year but near 92 average. Mature was 40 percent, well behind 86 last year, and behind 45 average. Harvested was 4 percent complete, also well behind 34 last year and near 7 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 11 poor, 26 fair, 47 good, and 13 excellent.

Soybeans dropping leaves were 72 percent, well behind 97 last year and 80 average. Harvested was 3 percent complete, also well behind 42 last year and 10 average. Condition rated 6 percent very poor, 13 poor, 32 fair, 42 good, and 7 excellent.

Sorghum coloring was 93 percent, behind 100 last year but near 94 average. Mature was 33 percent, well behind 83 last year and 38 average. Harvested was 3 percent complete, also well behind 44 last year and 10 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 16 fair, 67 good, and 14 excellent.

Sunflowers with ray flowers dry were 91 percent, behind last year at 100 and 95 average. Bracts yellow were 62 percent, well behind last year at 88 and 77 average. Bracts brown were 15 percent, well behind last year at 54 and 20 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 18 poor, 31 fair, 45 good, and 4 excellent.

The third cutting of alfalfa was 90 percent complete, ahead of 83 last year and 82 average. Alfalfa hay condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 38 fair, 46 good, and 6 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 16 poor, 40 fair, 35 good, and 7 excellent. Stock water supplies were 5 percent very short, 26 short, 66 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-09-23-2013.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&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=SD&region=HPRCC)

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*

[http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM\\_state.htm?SD,HP](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?SD,HP)