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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD September 30, 2013 – For the week ending September 29, 2013, above normal temperatures were recorded across most areas of the state, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Row crop harvest was underway in most areas. Statewide, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 12 percent very short, 44 short, 43 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 20 percent very short, 46 short, 33 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat seeding was 66 percent complete, ahead of 48 last year and 62 average. Emerged was 15 percent complete, ahead of 4 last year but behind 23 average.

Corn at the dent stage was 96 percent, behind 100 last year but near 97 average. Mature was 66 percent, well behind 95 last year, but near 65 average. Harvested was 11 percent complete, also well behind 52 last year but near 13 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 11 poor, 25 fair, 47 good, and 14 excellent.

Soybeans dropping leaves were 87 percent, well behind 100 last year and 92 average. Harvested was 13 percent complete, also well behind 74 last year and 25 average. Condition rated 5 percent very poor, 13 poor, 33 fair, 41 good, and 8 excellent.

Sorghum coloring was 99 percent, behind 100 last year but near 98 average. Mature was 59 percent, well behind 95 last year but near 57 average. Harvested was 11 percent complete, also well behind 54 last year and 15 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 23 fair, 60 good, and 13 excellent.

Sunflowers with ray flowers dry were 97 percent, near last year at 100 and 98 average. Bracts yellow were 87 percent, behind last year at 95 and near 88 average. Bracts brown were 50 percent, well behind last year at 81 but ahead of 39 average. Harvested was 2 percent complete, behind 12 last year and 3 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 16 poor, 25 fair, 50 good, and 7 excellent.

The third cutting of alfalfa was 90 percent complete, behind 96 last year but near 88 average. Fifteen percent of alfalfa hay has been cut a fourth time. Alfalfa hay condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 38 fair, 46 good, and 8 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 15 poor, 43 fair, 34 good, and 6 excellent. Stock water supplies were 6 percent very short, 27 short, 64 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-09-30-2013.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)