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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD October 21, 2013 – For the week ending October 20, 2013, cool, wet conditions across most areas of the state slowed harvest progress, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Major farm activities included hauling grain and hay, and moving cattle. Statewide, there were 2.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 6 short, 84 adequate, and 10 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 17 short, 78 adequate, and 4 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat seeding was 93 percent complete, ahead of 82 last year and 91 average. Emerged was 62 percent complete, well ahead of 13 last year but near 64 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 23 fair, 63 good, and 12 excellent.

Corn mature was 96 percent, behind 100 last year but near 97 average. Harvested was 31 percent complete, well behind 95 last year and 44 average. Condition rated 4 percent very poor, 9 poor, 23 fair, 47 good, and 17 excellent.

Soybeans dropping leaves were 98 percent, near 100 last year and 100 average. Harvested was 75 percent complete, well behind 100 last year but near 78 average. Condition rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 30 fair, 43 good, and 11 excellent.

Sorghum at the mature stage was 94 percent, behind 100 last year but equal to 94 average. Harvested was 25 percent complete, well behind 93 last year and 59 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 10 fair, 79 good, and 8 excellent.

Sunflowers with bracts yellow were 100 percent, equal to 100 last year and average. Bracts brown were 98 percent, behind last year at 100 but ahead of 91 average. Harvested was 16 percent complete, well behind 70 last year and 34 average. Condition rated 7 percent very poor, 11 poor, 30 fair, 46 good, and 6 excellent.

The third cutting of alfalfa was 99 percent complete, near 100 last year and average. Fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 41 percent complete. Alfalfa hay condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 34 fair, 55 good, and 7 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 8 poor, 37 fair, 47 good, and 7 excellent. Stock water supplies were 1 percent very short, 10 short, 80 adequate, and 9 surplus. Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 20 fair, 73 good, and 6 excellent. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 19 fair, 76 good, and 4 excellent.

*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-10-21-2013.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)