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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD October 28, 2013 – For the week ending October 27, 2013, producers worked to get the remaining row crops harvested as they combated wet fields in some areas of the state. Major activities included hauling grain, moving hay and cattle, and fall tillage according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 6 short, 82 adequate, and 12 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 17 short, 77 adequate, and 5 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat seeding was 95 percent complete, ahead of 93 last year and behind 96 average. Emerged was 65 percent complete, well ahead of 22 last year but behind 73 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 32 fair, 58 good, and 9 excellent.

Corn harvest was 49 percent complete, well behind 99 last year and 55 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 23 fair, 46 good, and 20 excellent.

Soybean harvest was 87 percent complete, well behind 100 last year but near 84 average.

Sorghum at the mature stage was 96 percent, behind 100 last year and slightly behind 98 average. Harvested was 53 percent complete, well behind 93 last year and 67 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 66 good, and 11 excellent.

Sunflower harvest was 27 percent complete, well behind 89 last year and 50 average. Condition rated 17 percent very poor, 11 poor, 22 fair, 44 good, and 6 excellent.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 63 percent complete. Alfalfa hay condition rated 1 percent very poor, 1 poor, 39 fair, 52 good, and 7 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 37 fair, 48 good, and 6 excellent. Stock water supplies were 2 percent very short, 12 short, 78 adequate, and 8 surplus. Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 13 fair, 77 good, and 8 excellent. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 79 good, and 6 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-10-28-2013.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