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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, February 3, 2014 – For the month of January 2014, average temperatures were below normal in the eastern half of the state and above normal in the western half. Monthly precipitation was less than an inch in most areas, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 16 short, 81 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 11 short, 85 adequate, and 3 surplus. Agricultural activities included caring for livestock, marketing grain, and preparing for spring planting season.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 13 poor, 24 fair, 53 good, and 7 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 22 fair, 70 good, and 7 excellent. Cattle and calf death losses rated 12 percent below normal, 84 percent normal, and 4 percent above normal. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 22 fair, 70 good and 6 excellent. Sheep and lamb death losses rated 8 percent below normal, 88 percent normal, and 4 percent above normal. Stock water supplies were 1 percent very short, 10 short, 87 adequate, and 2 surplus. Hay and forage supplies were 1 percent very short, 4 short, 87 adequate, and 8 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.

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http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=SD®ion=HPRCC

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?SD>