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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD March 31, 2014 – For the month of March 2014, below normal precipitation and temperatures persisted across most of the state during the month of March, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 22 short, 74 adequate and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 16 short, 80 adequate and 2 surplus. Agricultural activities included calving and lambing, moving grain, and spreading fertilizer.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 13 poor, 28 fair, 54 good and 4 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 17 fair, 76 good and 6 excellent. Calving was 37 percent complete. Cattle and calf death losses rated 7 percent below normal, 90 percent normal, and 3 percent above normal. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 11 fair, 84 good and 4 excellent. Lambing was 75 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death losses rated 9 percent below normal, 90 percent normal, and 1 percent above normal. Stock water supplies were 1 percent very short, 9 short, 84 adequate and 6 surplus. Hay and forage supplies were 0 percent very short, 7 short, 87 adequate and 6 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&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=SD&region=HPRCC)

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