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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD April 7, 2014 – For the week ending on April 6, 2014, producers in most areas of the state had not started fieldwork, however in some localities spring wheat seeding had begun, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Most of the state reported adequate soil moisture with topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 15 short, 80 adequate and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 14 short, 83 adequate and 2 surplus. Agricultural activities included hauling grain and hay, getting equipment ready for spring planting, spreading fertilizer, and calving. Most producers reported good calving conditions.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 32 fair, 63 good and 2 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 20 fair, 71 good and 8 excellent. Calving was 52 percent complete. Cattle and calf death losses rated 2 percent below normal, 92 percent normal, and 6 percent above normal. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 23 fair, 71 good and 6 excellent. Lambing was 75 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death losses rated 1 percent below normal, 95 percent normal, and 4 percent above normal. Hay and forage supplies were 0 percent very short, 7 short, 84 adequate and 9 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/2014/CropProg-04-07-2014.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/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?SD>

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