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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD April 14, 2014 – For the week ending on April 13, 2014, above normal temperatures were reported across most areas of the state last week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide, there were 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Most of the state reported adequate soil moisture with topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 15 short, 79 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, preparing equipment 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, 30 fair, 65 good and 2 excellent. Six percent of spring wheat has been seeded, unchanged from last year but behind 22 percent average. Only 1 percent of barley has been seeded, unchanged from last year's percentage but behind 13 percent average. Oats seeding rated 23 percent complete, ahead of 16 percent last year and equal to 23 percent average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 18 fair, 72 good and 9 excellent. Calving was 55 percent complete. Cattle and calf death losses rated 9 percent below normal, 89 percent normal, and 2 percent above normal. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 19 fair, 63 good and 18 excellent. Lambing was 78 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death losses rated 9 percent below normal, 89 percent normal, and 2 percent above normal. Hay and forage supplies were 0 percent very short, 6 short, 86 adequate and 8 surplus. Stock water supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 91 percent adequate, and 4 percent 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://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2014/CropProg-04-14-2014.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®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

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

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