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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, April 21, 2014 – For the week ending on April 20, 2014, very little precipitation was received in most areas of the state, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Agricultural activities included spring planting, spreading fertilizer, moving grain and hay, and caring for livestock. Statewide, there were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Most of the state reported adequate soil moisture with topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 22 short, 73 adequate and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 18 short, 80 adequate and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 30 fair, 64 good and 2 excellent.

Seventeen percent of spring wheat had been seeded, ahead of 6 last year but behind the five year average of 32.

Oats planted was 37 percent complete, ahead of 19 percent last year and of 34 average.

Corn planted was 1 percent complete, compared to 0 last year and 3 average.

Barley planted was 6 percent complete, equal from last year but behind 21 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 17 fair, 73 good and 9 excellent. Calving was 65 percent complete. Cattle and calf death losses rated 10 percent below normal, 88 percent normal, and 2 percent above normal.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 17 fair, 65 good and 18 excellent. Lambing was 80 percent complete and shearing 78 percent. Sheep and lamb death losses rated 18 percent below normal, 81 percent normal, and 1 percent above normal.

Hay and forage supplies were 0 percent very short, 7 short, 85 adequate and 8 surplus.

Stock water supplies were 0 percent very short, 7 percent short, 89 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-04-21-2014.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>