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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD, July 21, 2014 – For the week ending July 20, 2014, very little rainfall and below normal temperatures dominated the weather pattern across most areas of South Dakota, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 16 short, 80 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 15 short, 80 adequate, and 4 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 22 fair, 65 good, and 9 excellent. Coloring was 96 percent, ahead of 91 last year but near the five-year average of 97. Winter wheat mature was 55 percent, well ahead of 30 last year but behind 62 average. Harvested was 4 percent, near 3 last year but well behind 32 average.

Spring wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 19 fair, 66 good, and 14 excellent. Spring wheat headed was 95 percent, behind 100 last year and 98 average. Coloring was 41 percent, well behind 62 last year and 68 average. Mature was 5 percent, near last year at 3, but well behind 24 average.

Oat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 76 good, and 9 excellent. Coloring was 60 percent, near 58 last year, but behind 70 average. Mature was 15 percent, well ahead of last year at 4, but behind 29 average. Oat harvested was 4 percent, near last year at 3, but behind 16 average.

Barley conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 20 fair, 65 good, and 13 excellent. Headed was 86 percent, behind 98 last year and the average of 95. Coloring was 9 percent, well behind 53 last year and 59 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 17 fair, 67 good, and 13 excellent. Corn silking was 30 percent, near 28 last year and ahead of 25 average.

Soybean conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 23 fair, 62 good, and 10 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 70 percent, well ahead of 53 last year and 59 average. Setting pods was 15 percent, ahead of 4 last year and 11 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 8 fair, 84 good, and 8 excellent. Sorghum emerged was 96 percent, behind both last year and average at 100. Sorghum was 38 percent headed, well ahead of 11 last year and 12 average.

Sunflowers emerged was 89 percent. Sunflowers blooming was 6 percent, near 4 last year and average at 7.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 18 fair, 56 good, and 23 excellent. Alfalfa hay first cutting was 91 percent complete, behind 96 last year and average of 97. Second cutting was 38 percent complete, behind 42 last year and 50 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 55 good, and 22 excellent.

Stock water supplies were 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 7 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-07-21-2014.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>

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