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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, July 28, 2014 – For the week ending July 27, 2014, very little rainfall and below normal temperatures occurred across most areas of South Dakota, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 23 short, 69 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 17 short, 77 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 69 good, and 9 excellent. Winter wheat mature was 78 percent, ahead of 67 last year but behind the five-year average of 87. Harvested was 27 percent, ahead of 18 last year but behind 55 average.

Spring wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 19 fair, 66 good, and 14 excellent. Coloring was 63 percent, well behind 88 last year and 89 average. Mature was 17 percent, near last year at 18, but well behind 44 average.

Oat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 14 fair, 77 good, and 9 excellent. Coloring was 73 percent, behind 86 last year and 87 average. Mature was 48 percent, ahead of last year at 37, but behind 54 average. Oats harvested was 21 percent, near last year at 18, but behind 29 average.

Barley conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 20 fair, 67 good, and 13 excellent. Headed was 91 percent, behind 100 last year and the average of 98. Coloring was 22 percent, well behind 80 last year and 81 average.

Corn conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 19 fair, 60 good, and 14 excellent. Corn silking was 70 percent, ahead of 64 last year and 50 average. Corn in the dough stage was 4 percent, near 3 last year and 5 average.

Soybean conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 24 fair, 58 good, and 10 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 81 percent, ahead of 71 last year and 76 average. Setting pods was 35 percent, ahead of 17 last year and 25 average.

Sorghum conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 10 fair, 82 good, and 8 excellent. Sorghum was 44 percent headed, ahead of 37 last year and 28 average. Sorghum coloring was 3 percent, near 1 last year and average.

Sunflowers emerged was 96 percent. Sunflowers blooming was 18 percent, ahead of 10 last year and 14 average.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 7 poor, 18 fair, 53 good, and 22 excellent. Alfalfa hay first cutting was 97 percent complete, equal to last year and near 98 average. Second cutting was 54 percent complete, behind 71 last year and 69 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 9 poor, 18 fair, 54 good, and 19 excellent.

Stock water supplies were 1 percent very short, 16 percent short, 79 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-07-28-2014.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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