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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD, March 2, 2015 – For the month of February 2015, near average temperatures were experienced in the western half of the State, while temperatures were well below average in the east, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Light precipitation occurred throughout most of the State. Statewide, topsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 35 short, 55 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 36 short, 56 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 7 poor, 44 fair, 49 good, and 0 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 9 fair, 84 good, and 7 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 58 average, and 41 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 12 fair, 77 good, and 10 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 51 average, and 48 light.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 89 adequate, and 8 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 20 short, 72 adequate, and 3 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.

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http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=SD®ion=HPRCC

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