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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, May 4, 2015 – For the week ending May 3, 2015, above normal temperatures and minimal precipitation dominated the weather pattern throughout most of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 32 percent very short, 42 short, 26 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 25 percent very short, 45 short, 30 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn planted rated 51 percent, ahead of last year and the five-year average of 23. Emerged was 1 percent, ahead of 1 last year, but behind 2 average.

Soybeans planted rated 6 percent complete, ahead of 1 last year and 2 average.

Spring wheat planted rated 92 percent, well ahead of 57 last year and 60 average. Emerged was 56 percent, well ahead of 10 last year and 29 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 12 percent very poor, 27 poor, 41 fair, 20 good, and 0 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 14 percent, ahead of 3 last year.

Oats planted rated 92 percent, well ahead of 66 last year and 62 average. Emerged was 54 percent, well ahead of 24 last year and 31 average.

Barley planted rated 92 percent, well ahead of 40 last year and 45 average. Emerged was 37 percent, ahead of 1 last year and 17 average.

Sorghum planted rated 1 percent, equal to 1 last year and average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions were rated 9 percent very poor, 24 poor, 42 fair, and 23 good.

Stock water supplies rated 14 percent very short, 28 short, 57 adequate, and 1 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 Crop Progress and Condition Report at:
http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2015/CropProg-05-04-2015.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&region=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:
http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?SD