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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Sioux Falls, S.D. January 3, 2017 – For the month of December 2016, snow, wind, and ice impacted much of the State, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. A Christmas day blizzard left thousands without power across northeast, north central and western South Dakota. Southeast South Dakota received mostly rain as temperatures remained well above freezing. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 16 short, 79 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 22 short, 72 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 38 fair, 53 good, 3 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 15 fair, 79 good, and 4 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 69 average, and 31 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 18 fair, 75 good, and 3 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 74 average, and 26 light.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 12 short, 83 adequate, and 4 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 18 short, 74 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.

Access the National Crop Progress and Condition Report at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2017/CropProg-01-03-2017.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?SD>

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