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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Sioux Falls, SD – For the week ending May 15, 2016, below average temperatures and wet conditions were experienced across most of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Weekend frost was reported in the north. Corn and soybean planting was ongoing. Producers were tending to livestock and preparing pastures for summer grazing. There were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 82 adequate, and 13 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 8 short, 83 adequate, and 8 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 25 fair, 68 good, and 6 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was at 60 percent, ahead of 42 last year. Headed was at 5 percent, near 1 last year, and equal to the five-year average.

Corn planted was at 62 percent, behind 81 last year, but near 65 average. Emerged was at 17 percent, well behind 39 last year, but near 21 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 30 fair, 66 good, and 3 excellent. Spring wheat planted was at 97 percent, equal to last year, but ahead of 88 average. Emerged was at 83 percent, ahead of 75 last year, and well ahead of 56 average. Jointed was at 2 percent.

Soybeans planted was at 28 percent, behind 39 last year, but near 24 average. Emerged was 1 percent, near 3 last year and average.

Oats condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 18 fair, 78 good, and 4 excellent. Oats planted was at 96 percent, near 97 last year, but ahead of 88 average. Emerged was at 89 percent, ahead of 81 last year, and well ahead of 59 average. Jointed was at 6 percent.

Barley planted was at 92 percent, behind 97 last year, but ahead of 78 average. Emerged was at 63 percent, behind 73 last year, but well ahead of 43 average.

Sorghum planted was at 6 percent, near 9 last year and 5 average.

Sunflowers planted was at 2 percent, near 0 last year and 1 average.

Alfalfa hay first cutting was at 1 percent complete.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 23 fair, 65 good, and 11 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 8 short, 83 adequate, and 9 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/2016/CropProg-05-16-2016.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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