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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Sioux Falls, SD – For the week ending May 22, 2016, near normal temperatures prevailed across the State, however some northern areas experienced freezing temperatures, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. A half inch of rainfall was recorded across the eastern half of the State, with two inches or more in some south central counties. Considerable progress was made planting corn and soybeans. Producers were moving cattle to pasture and some were taking their first cutting of alfalfa. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 8 short, 86 adequate, and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 9 short, 86 adequate, and 4 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 22 fair, 71 good, and 6 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was at 82 percent, well ahead of 60 last year. Headed was at 22 percent, near 18 last year, but ahead of 14 for the five-year average.

Corn planted was at 84 percent, near 89 last year, and equal to the average. Emerged was at 42 percent, behind 57 last year, but equal to the average.

Spring wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 28 fair, 66 good, and 5 excellent. Spring wheat emerged was at 92 percent, ahead of 83 last year, and well ahead of 70 average. Jointed was at 18 percent.

Soybeans planted was at 56 percent, near 55 last year, and ahead of 47 average. Emerged was at 13 percent, behind 18 last year, but equal to the average.

Oats condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 21 fair, 74 good, and 5 excellent. Oats emerged was at 95 percent, ahead of 89 last year, and well ahead of 74 average. Jointed was at 22 percent, well behind 60 last year. Headed was at 2 percent, near 0 last year and 1 average.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 30 fair, 55 good, and 15 excellent. Barley planted was at 96 percent, near 98 last year, but ahead of 84 average. Emerged was at 74 percent, behind 86 last year, but well ahead of 54 average.

Sorghum planted was at 36 percent, ahead of 24 last year and 17 average.

Sunflowers planted was at 14 percent, ahead of 3 last year and 5 average.

Alfalfa hay first cutting was at 11 percent complete.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 18 fair, 69 good, and 11 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 8 short, 85 adequate, and 7 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-05-23-2016.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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