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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Sioux Falls, SD – For the week ending May 29, 2016, an active weather pattern throughout the week brought rain and severe storms to parts of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The continued wet weather hampered planting and haying, particularly in south central and southeast South Dakota. Weevils were impacting first and potential second cutting of alfalfa in some locations. There were 3.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 9 short, 82 adequate, and 9 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 9 short, 85 adequate, and 5 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 19 fair, 72 good, and 7 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 90 percent, ahead of 76 last year. Headed was 46 percent, ahead of 37 last year, and well ahead of 25 for the five-year average.

Corn condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 24 fair, 69 good, and 6 excellent. Corn planted was 92 percent, near 95 last year and 93 average. Emerged was 67 percent, behind 72 last year, but equal to the average.

Spring wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 24 fair, 69 good, and 6 excellent. Spring wheat emerged was 96 percent, near 93 last year, and ahead of 85 average. Jointed was 41 percent, well ahead of 14 last year.

Soybeans planted was 75 percent, near 71 last year, and ahead of 64 average. Emerged was 41 percent, near 37 last year, and ahead of 30 average.

Oats condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 24 fair, 69 good, and 6 excellent. Oats jointed was 46 percent, behind 65 last year. Headed was 6 percent, near 4 last year and 5 average.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 31 fair, 58 good, and 11 excellent. Barley emerged was 79 percent, behind 94 last year, but ahead of 69 average. Jointed was 1 percent, near 4 last year.

Sorghum planted was 66 percent, well ahead of 31 last year and 33 average. Emerged was 3 percent, equal to last year, and near 7 average.

Sunflowers planted was 30 percent, well ahead of 10 last year, and ahead of 17 average.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 48 fair, 46 good, and 2 excellent. Alfalfa hay first cutting was 17 percent complete, ahead of 1 last year.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 70 good, and 11 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 8 short, 84 adequate, and 8 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-05-31-2016.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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