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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**Sioux Falls, SD** – For the week ending June 26, 2016, soil moisture ratings declined following a predominately dry week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Showers and thunderstorms early in the week brought moisture to parts of central South Dakota. However, much of the State remained dry, stressing crops in some areas as warm, windy conditions returned by week's end. There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 27 short, 60 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 22 short, 69 adequate, and 2 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 29 fair, 60 good, and 5 excellent. Winter wheat coloring was 78 percent, well ahead of 44 last year and the five-year average of 31.

Corn condition rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 22 fair, 61 good, and 12 excellent.

Spring wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 34 fair, 53 good, and 5 excellent. Spring wheat headed was 73 percent, ahead of 55 last year, and well ahead of 52 average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 20 fair, 65 good, and 10 excellent. Soybeans emerged was 98 percent, near 97 last year, but ahead of 93 average. Blooming was 5 percent, near 1 last year, and equal to the average.

Oats condition rated 0 percent very poor, 5 poor, 33 fair, 58 good, and 4 excellent. Oats jointed was 96 percent. Headed was 80 percent, near 79 last year, but ahead of 64 average. Coloring was 17 percent, equal to last year.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 8 poor, 45 fair, 39 good, and 8 excellent. Barley jointed was 90 percent, near 88 last year. Headed was 59 percent, ahead of 44 last year and 40 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 32 fair, 66 good, and 0 excellent. Sorghum planted was 99 percent, well ahead of 79 last year, and ahead of 93 average. Emerged was 80 percent, ahead of 65 last year and 75 average. Headed was 8 percent, ahead of 0 both last year and average.

Sunflowers planted was 97 percent, well ahead of 76 last year, and ahead of 85 average. Emerged was 32 percent, behind 41 last year.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 6 percent very poor, 14 poor, 48 fair, 31 good, and 1 excellent. Alfalfa hay first cutting was 87 percent complete, well ahead of 52 last year and 62 average. Second cutting was 9 percent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 26 fair, 55 good, and 6 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 14 short, 80 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/2016/CropProg-06-27-2016.pdf>

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

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

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