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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**Sioux Falls, SD** – For the week ending July 3, 2016, mostly dry conditions continued to lower soil moisture ratings and stress crops in parts of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Near average temperatures brought a welcomed break from recent heat, but many parts of South Dakota were in need of rain. Producers began winter wheat harvest during the week, while second cutting of alfalfa was ongoing. There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 15 percent very short, 35 short, 49 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 29 short, 60 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 30 fair, 58 good, and 5 excellent. Winter wheat coloring was 95 percent, well ahead of 70 last year and the five-year average of 52. Harvested was 6 percent, ahead of 0 last year, and near 4 average.

Corn condition rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 25 fair, 58 good, and 10 excellent. Corn silking was 2 percent, near 1 last year and 3 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 9 poor, 36 fair, 49 good, and 5 excellent. Spring wheat headed was 92 percent, ahead of 79 last year and 73 average. Coloring was 30 percent, ahead of 21 both last year and average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 26 fair, 60 good, and 7 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 26 percent, ahead of 12 last year and 16 average.

Oats condition rated 0 percent very poor, 6 poor, 26 fair, 64 good, and 4 excellent. Oats headed was 90 percent, near 93 last year, but ahead of 79 average. Coloring was 43 percent, ahead of 32 last year, and well ahead of 23 average.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 10 poor, 43 fair, 39 good, and 8 excellent. Barley jointed was 94 percent, equal to last year. Headed was 81 percent, ahead of 62 last year, and well ahead of 59 average. Coloring was 6 percent, near 9 last year, but behind 13 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 33 fair, 65 good, and 0 excellent. Sorghum emerged was 86 percent, ahead of 77 last year, but near 89 average. Headed was 11 percent, ahead of 1 both last year and average.

Sunflowers emerged was 67 percent, near 65 last year.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 7 percent very poor, 17 poor, 50 fair, 26 good, and 0 excellent. Alfalfa hay first cutting was 95 percent complete, well ahead of 65 last year, and ahead of 78 average. Second cutting was 20 percent, ahead of 4 last year.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 29 fair, 51 good, and 4 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 4 percent very short, 18 short, 76 adequate, and 2 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-07-05-2016.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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