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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Sioux Falls, SD – For the week ending July 10, 2016, much-needed rain fell in parts of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, statewide soil moisture condition improvement was minimal as the showers and thunderstorms were not widespread. Winter wheat harvest was ongoing and oats harvest began in some locations. Producers continued haying, crop spraying and side-dressing nitrogen in corn. There were 5.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 11 percent very short, 33 short, 53 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 28 short, 60 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 30 fair, 55 good, and 7 excellent. Winter wheat harvested was 21 percent, ahead of 7 last year and 12 for the five-year average.

Corn condition rated 3 percent very poor, 6 poor, 24 fair, 57 good, and 10 excellent. Corn silking was 19 percent, ahead of 3 last year and 8 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 39 fair, 46 good, and 4 excellent. Spring wheat headed was 99 percent, ahead of 91 last year and 89 average. Coloring was 65 percent, well ahead of 45 last year and 35 average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 24 fair, 61 good, and 8 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 52 percent, well ahead of 31 last year, and ahead of 35 average. Setting pods was 5 percent, near 1 last year and 2 average.

Oats condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 27 fair, 63 good, and 3 excellent. Oats headed was 95 percent, near 99 last year, but ahead of 89 average. Coloring was 65 percent, ahead of 53 last year, and well ahead of 44 average. Harvested was 20 percent, ahead of 1 last year and 6 average.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 11 poor, 43 fair, 38 good, and 8 excellent. Barley jointed was 100 percent, near 99 last year. Headed was 89 percent, ahead of 78 last year and 75 average. Coloring was 40 percent, well ahead of 20 last year, and ahead of 25 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 33 fair, 65 good, and 0 excellent. Sorghum emerged was 95 percent, ahead of 86 last year, but near 94 average. Headed was 15 percent, equal to last year, but ahead of 8 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 44 fair, 49 good, and 1 excellent. Sunflowers emerged was 82 percent, near 84 last year.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 8 percent very poor, 18 poor, 50 fair, 24 good, and 0 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 34 percent, ahead of 15 last year and 26 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 12 poor, 32 fair, 48 good, and 3 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 18 short, 75 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-07-11-2016.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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