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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Sioux Falls, SD – For the week ending July 24, 2016, spring wheat harvest began in parts of South Dakota, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Winter wheat and oats harvest progressed ahead of average. Extreme heat and humidity impacted most of the State, stressing crops, rangeland, and livestock. Scattered showers and thunderstorms brought relief to some areas, but rainfall totals varied widely leaving many locations with little or no precipitation. There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 34 short, 52 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 12 percent very short, 34 short, 53 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat harvested was 82 percent, well ahead of 36 last year and the five-year average of 38.

Corn condition rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 29 fair, 51 good, and 9 excellent. Corn silking was 67 percent, near 63 last year, and ahead of 51 average. Dough was 5 percent, near 1 last year and 3 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 12 poor, 44 fair, 38 good, and 3 excellent. Spring wheat coloring was 95 percent, ahead of 82 last year, and well ahead of 75 average. Harvested was 20 percent, ahead of 1 last year and 14 average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 32 fair, 54 good, and 7 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 82 percent, ahead of 66 last year and 72 average. Setting pods was 42 percent, ahead of 23 last year, and well ahead of 21 average.

Oats condition rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 38 fair, 51 good, and 3 excellent. Oats coloring was 87 percent, near 88 last year, but ahead of 78 average. Harvested was 58 percent, well ahead of 33 last year and 29 average.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 10 poor, 44 fair, 38 good, and 8 excellent. Barley headed was 95 percent, ahead of 90 last year, and near 93 average. Coloring was 81 percent, well ahead of 58 last year and 54 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 36 fair, 62 good, and 0 excellent. Sorghum headed was 42 percent, behind 47 last year, but ahead of 32 average. Coloring was at 3 percent, near 0 last year and 1 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 49 fair, 46 good, and 1 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 18 percent, ahead of 6 last year and 11 average.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 10 percent very poor, 21 poor, 49 fair, 19 good, and 1 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 52 percent, ahead of 43 last year, but behind 58 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 16 poor, 35 fair, 42 good, and 2 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 26 short, 68 adequate, and 1 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-07-25-2016.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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