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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**Sioux Falls, SD** – For the week ending August 14, 2016, showers and thunderstorms brought much needed precipitation to the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Precipitation totals varied, but last week's rains were more widespread than in recent weeks, slightly improving soil moisture ratings. Producers began to cut silage in parts of the State, while small grain harvest neared completion. There were 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 12 percent very short, 31 short, 56 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 37 short, 52 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat harvested was 93 percent, near 94 last year and the five-year average of 91.

Corn condition rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 32 fair, 44 good, and 8 excellent. Corn silking was 96 percent, equal to last year and average. Dough was 69 percent, ahead of 54 last year and 51 average. Dented was 8 percent, near 4 last year, and equal to average.

Spring wheat harvested was 84 percent, ahead of 66 last year, and well ahead of 58 average.

Soybeans condition rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 33 fair, 49 good, and 7 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 97 percent, ahead of 91 last year, and near 95 average. Setting pods was 89 percent, ahead of 77 last year and 76 average.

Oats harvested was 95 percent, ahead of 86 last year and 80 average.

Barley coloring was 94 percent, equal last year, and near 96 average. Mature was 80 percent, near 79 last year and 84 average. Harvested was 75 percent, ahead of 61 last year, and well ahead of 48 last year.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 44 fair, 52 good, and 1 excellent. Sorghum headed was 91 percent, near 87 last year, and ahead of 85 average. Coloring was at 26 percent, ahead of 8 last year and 19 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 percent very poor, 13 poor, 37 fair, 45 good, and 4 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 71 percent, near 70 last year and 68 average.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 8 percent very poor, 23 poor, 47 fair, 21 good, and 1 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 74 percent, behind 83 last year and 88 average. Third cutting was 37 percent, ahead of 18 last year and 27 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 7 percent very poor, 18 poor, 37 fair, 37 good, and 1 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 27 short, 66 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-08-15-2016.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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