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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Sioux Falls, SD – For the week ending August 21, 2016, soil moisture ratings improved on mid-week showers and thunderstorms, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall totals ranging from one-half to over two inches were reported across portions of south central and east central South Dakota. Producers continued to progress on second and third cutting alfalfa in addition to putting up other grass and mixed hay in parts of the State. There were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 27 short, 62 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 33 short, 56 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat harvested was 96 percent, near 99 last year and equal to the five-year average.

Corn condition rated 5 percent very poor, 12 poor, 30 fair, 46 good, and 7 excellent. Corn dough was 83 percent, ahead of 75 last year and 72 average. Dented was 23 percent, near 21 last year and 20 average.

Spring wheat harvested was 89 percent, ahead of 82 last year and 76 average.

Soybeans condition rated 3 percent very poor, 9 poor, 29 fair, 51 good, and 8 excellent. Soybeans setting pods was 94 percent, ahead of 87 last year and 88 average. Dropping leaves was 7 percent, near 3 last year and 4 average.

Barley coloring was 96 percent, near 95 last year. Mature was 93 percent, near 92 both last year and average. Harvested was 84 percent, ahead of 71 last year and 65 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 43 fair, 53 good, and 1 excellent. Sorghum headed was 96 percent, near 93 both last year and average. Coloring was at 43 percent, well ahead of 16 last year, and ahead of 31 average. Mature was 3 percent, near 1 last year and 0 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 38 fair, 51 good, and 2 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 77 percent, behind 88 last year and 86 average.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 9 percent very poor, 21 poor, 48 fair, 22 good, and 0 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 75 percent, behind 93 both last year and average. Third cutting was 47 percent, well ahead of 27 last year, and ahead of 39 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, 26 short, 67 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-08-22-2016.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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