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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**Sioux Falls, SD** – For the week ending September 4, 2016, silage cutting and late-season haying continued under mostly dry conditions and above average temperatures, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Late week showers and thunderstorms brought widespread rains to parts of central and eastern South Dakota. Some storms caused crop damage in parts of the southeast. There were 5.8 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, 34 short, 55 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 5 percent very poor, 13 poor, 30 fair, 44 good, and 8 excellent. Corn dough was 95 percent, near 94 last year and 93 for the five-year average. Dented was 65 percent, near 62 last year and 61 average. Mature was 8 percent, near 11 last year and 9 average.

Spring wheat harvested was 93 percent, near 97 last year and 95 average.

Soybeans condition rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 28 fair, 50 good, and 9 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 26 percent, near 29 last year and 28 average.

Barley harvested was 95 percent, ahead of 89 last year, and near 93 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 41 fair, 54 good, and 2 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 79 percent, ahead of 67 last year and 71 average. Mature was 19 percent, ahead of 3 last year and 6 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 38 fair, 52 good, and 2 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 81 percent, behind 99 both last year and average. Ray flowers dried was 34 percent, behind 48 both last year and average. Bracts turning yellow was 8 percent, ahead of 3 last year, but behind 16 average.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 8 percent very poor, 22 poor, 46 fair, 24 good, and 0 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 84 percent, behind 99 last year. Third cutting was 65 percent, ahead of 56 last year, and near 64 average. Fourth cutting was 9 percent, near 6 last year.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 8 percent very poor, 20 poor, 35 fair, 36 good, and 1 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 26 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-09-06-2016.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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