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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Sioux Falls, SD – For the week ending September 11, 2016, producers began seeding winter wheat in parts of South Dakota, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Other field work included cutting silage and haying. Fieldwork was slowed early in the week as strong storms moved across portions of the east. Corn and soybeans continued to mature at or near average pace. There were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 9 percent very short, 24 short, 66 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 9 percent very short, 31 short, 59 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 5 percent very poor, 13 poor, 30 fair, 44 good, and 8 excellent. Corn dented was 82 percent, ahead of 77 last year, and near the five-year average of 79. Mature was 18 percent, behind 25 last year, and near 21 average.

Spring wheat harvested was 97 percent, near 99 last year and 98 average.

Soybeans condition rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 27 fair, 50 good, and 10 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 45 percent, near 47 last year and 44 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 42 fair, 53 good, and 1 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 86 percent, near 84 last year and 85 average. Mature was 29 percent, well ahead of 7 last year, and ahead of 15 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 38 fair, 53 good, and 2 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 90 percent, behind 100 both last year and average. Ray flowers dried was 50 percent, behind 65 last year, and well behind 72 average. Bracts turning yellow was 17 percent, near 21 last year, and well behind 39 average.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 8 percent very poor, 23 poor, 45 fair, 24 good, and 0 excellent. Alfalfa hay second cutting was 87 percent, behind 99 last year. Third cutting was 67 percent, near 71 last year, and behind 73 average. Fourth cutting was 18 percent, near 16 last year.

Winter wheat planted was 7 percent, behind 17 last year and 13 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 8 percent very poor, 18 poor, 35 fair, 37 good, and 2 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 23 short, 69 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-09-12-2016.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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