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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**Sioux Falls, SD** – For the week ending October 2, 2016, dry conditions advanced fall harvest activity, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Soybean harvest showed the most progress during a rain-free, relatively warm week. The dry conditions slowed winter wheat emergence, which remained behind last year and average. There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 25 short, 65 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 30 short, 62 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 4 percent very poor, 13 poor, 29 fair, 45 good, and 9 excellent. Corn mature was 80 percent, ahead of 75 last year, and near the five-year average of 77. Harvested was 12 percent, near 11 last year, but behind 20 average.

Soybeans condition rated 3 percent very poor, 9 poor, 26 fair, 51 good, and 11 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 95 percent, near 94 both last year and average. Harvested was 39 percent, equal to last year, and near 38 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 39 fair, 56 good, and 2 excellent. Sorghum mature was 81 percent, well ahead of 57 last year, and ahead of 63 average. Harvested was 27 percent, ahead of 10 last year and 19 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 34 fair, 57 good, and 3 excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dried was 85 percent, behind 94 last year and 97 average. Bracts turning yellow was 69 percent, behind 80 last year and 88 average. Bracts turning brown was 39 percent, behind 44 last year. Harvested was 2 percent, near 0 last year and 5 average.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 8 percent very poor, 20 poor, 48 fair, 24 good, and 0 excellent. Alfalfa hay third cutting was 83 percent, behind 89 last year and 92 average. Fourth cutting was 49 percent, ahead of 36 last year.

Winter wheat planted was 56 percent, well behind 80 last year, and behind 70 average. Emerged was 19 percent, behind 29 last year, and near 22 average.

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

Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 22 short, 69 adequate, and 2 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-10-03-2016.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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