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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Sioux Falls, SD – For the week ending October 9, 2016, mid-week rains slowed harvest progress in parts of eastern South Dakota, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn and soybean harvests were halted for some producers as one-half to over two inches of rain fell across parts of the east. Temperatures were generally cool, as morning lows across much of the State dipped into the upper twenties to low thirties Friday and Saturday. There were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 23 short, 66 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 28 short, 64 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 30 fair, 45 good, and 9 excellent. Corn mature was 93 percent, ahead of 87 last year, and near the five-year average of 89. Harvested was 20 percent, near 18 last year, but behind 29 average.

Soybeans condition rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 25 fair, 50 good, and 14 excellent. Soybeans harvested was 59 percent, behind 64 last year and 65 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 38 fair, 57 good, and 2 excellent. Sorghum mature was 86 percent, ahead of 79 last year and 80 average. Harvested was 41 percent, ahead of 27 last year and 33 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 34 fair, 57 good, and 3 excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dried was 94 percent, near 96 last year. Bracts turning yellow was 83 percent, behind 92 last year and 94 average. Bracts turning brown was 67 percent, near 70 last year. Harvested was 15 percent, ahead of 4 last year, and near 11 average.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 8 percent very poor, 20 poor, 48 fair, 24 good, and 0 excellent. Alfalfa hay third cutting was 88 percent, near 91 last year, but ahead of 81 average. Fourth cutting was 52 percent, ahead of 37 last year.

Winter wheat planted was 80 percent, behind 87 last year, but equal to average. Emerged was 45 percent, near 43 last year, and ahead of 36 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-10-11-2016.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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