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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**Sioux Falls, SD** – For the week ending November 6, 2016, fall harvest progressed on dry, warm weather, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, corn harvest progress remained slightly behind average as in-field drydown remained a factor in parts of the State. Fall tillage and fertilizer applications were ongoing. Livestock producers were moving cattle onto corn stalks in some areas. Drought conditions persisted in western locations, impacting rangeland conditions. There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 26 short, 62 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 31 short, 60 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn harvested was 81 percent, behind 86 last year, and near the five-year average of 85.

Sorghum harvested was 95 percent, well ahead of 75 last year and 73 average.

Sunflowers harvested was 89 percent, ahead of 82 last year, and near 87 average.

Winter wheat condition was 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 38 fair, 50 good, and 5 excellent. Winter wheat emerged was 93 percent, near 96 last year, but ahead of 81 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 10 percent very poor, 17 poor, 38 fair, 33 good, and 2 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 8 percent very short, 22 short, 68 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-11-07-2016.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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