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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**Sioux Falls, SD** – For the week ending November 20, 2016, most areas of the State were impacted by the first winter storm of the season, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The unseasonably warm weather of early November came to an end as snow, wind, and much colder temperatures moved across South Dakota late in the week. A majority of fall fieldwork was completed prior to the storm; however, unharvested acres of corn and sunflowers remained in some areas. There were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 11 percent very short, 27 short, 60 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 9 percent very short, 31 short, 59 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn harvested was 97 percent, near 99 last year, and equal to the five-year average.

Sunflowers harvested was 97 percent, near 93 last year, and ahead of 89 average.

Winter wheat condition was 1 percent very poor, 8 poor, 40 fair, 46 good, and 5 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 11 percent very poor, 18 poor, 36 fair, 33 good, and 2 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 9 percent very short, 23 short, 66 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-11-21-2016.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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