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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**SIOUX FALLS, S.D. February 27, 2017** – For the month of February 2017, a significant snowstorm ended a stretch of above-average temperatures for many locations, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The late February storm brought six to twelve inches of snow to many parts of southern South Dakota. Prior to the storm, mid-February temperatures were well above normal across the State, melting a majority of the snowpack and creating muddy feedlots as calving began for some producers. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 7 short, 90 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 16 short, 82 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 40 fair, 57 good, 0 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 23 fair, 71 good, and 5 excellent. Calving progress was 7 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 65 average, and 34 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 26 fair, 68 good, and 3 excellent. Lambing progress was 20 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 72 average, and 28 light.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 16 short, 76 adequate, and 4 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 9 short, 88 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.*

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