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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**SIOUX FALLS, S.D. January 30, 2017** – For the month of January 2017, a large storm system late in the month brought significant snowfall to many southern locations, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The snow and blowing snow created difficult conditions for producers working to maintain fences, pens, and getting feed to livestock. While snow amounts were less across the north, windy conditions caused blowing and drifting of the considerable snowpack remaining from earlier storms. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 13 short, 84 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 21 short, 76 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 37 fair, 61 good, 1 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 25 fair, 69 good, and 4 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 69 average, and 31 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 6 poor, 18 fair, 67 good, and 9 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 73 average, and 27 light.

Hay and roughage supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 17 short, 76 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 14 short, 82 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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