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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**SIOUX FALLS, S.D. March 27, 2017** – For the month of March 2017, despite periods of snow and cold, reporters indicated generally favorable conditions for calving and lambing in the State. A mid-month winter storm brought four to ten inches of snow to many eastern locations. However, temperatures for most areas were average to above average for the month. Spring fertilizer application began in drier areas of central and western South Dakota. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 11 short, 85 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 17 short, 79 adequate, and 2 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 41 fair, 56 good, 0 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 79 good, and 5 excellent. Calving progress was 32 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 72 average, and 28 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 75 good, and 2 excellent. Lambing progress was 65 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 70 average, and 30 light.

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

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 12 short, 85 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.*

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