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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. April 10, 2017 – For the week ending April 9, 2017, small grain seeding progressed aided by above average temperatures, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Cool temperatures and scattered showers early in the week gave way to warmer weather by week's end. Saturday's highs climbed into the 70s for most of the State with parts of the southeast reaching the low 80s. There were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 16 short, 79 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 19 short, 78 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 6 poor, 42 fair, 51 good, and 1 excellent.

Spring wheat planted was 23 percent, near 26 last year and 25 for the five-year average. Emerged was 3 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but near 6 average.

Oats planted was 17 percent, behind 27 last year and 26 average. Emerged was 2 percent, near 3 last year and 5 average.

Barley planted was 4 percent, near 6 last year, and behind 10 average.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 78 good, and 7 excellent. Calving progress was 53 percent, near 51 last year and equal to average. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 73 average, and 26 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 21 fair, 73 good, and 3 excellent. Lambing progress was 77 percent, ahead of 57 last year and 70 average. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 72 average, and 28 light. Sheep shorn was at 50 percent, ahead of 37 last year and 31 average.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 4 percent very short, 16 short, 77 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 12 short, 86 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.

Access the National Crop Progress and Condition Report at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2017/CropProg-04-10-2017.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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