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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**SIOUX FALLS, S.D. April 24, 2017** – For the week ending April 23, 2017, small grain planting continued and corn and soybean planting began, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Near normal temperatures returned to South Dakota. Rain fell across the entire State with some counties receiving an inch or more. There were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 12 short, 84 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 17 short, 78 adequate, and 2 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 9 poor, 35 fair, 55 good, and 1 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 1 percent, behind 20 last year.

Spring wheat planted was 75 percent, ahead of 70 last year and 56 for the five-year average. Emerged was 32 percent, ahead of 23 last year and 19 average.

Oats planted was 68 percent, near 71 last year, but ahead of 60 average. Emerged was 30 percent, near 26 last year and ahead of 23 average.

Barley planted was 32 percent, behind 38 last year and average. Emerged was 5 percent.

Corn planted was 3 percent, near 5 last year and 7 average.

Soybeans planted was 1 percent.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 77 good, and 8 excellent. Calving progress was 77 percent, near 75 last year and 73 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, 20 fair, 74 good, and 3 excellent. Lambing progress was 87 percent, ahead of 81 last year and 82 average. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 71 average, and 29 light. Sheep shorn was 71 percent, near 74 last year.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 5 percent very short, 16 short, 77 adequate, and 2 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-04-24-2017.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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