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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**SIOUX FALLS, S.D. May 1, 2017** – For the week ending April 30, 2017, wet and unseasonably cold weather impacted much of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Snow and ice affected parts of western and northeastern South Dakota early in the week. Rain and snow were prevalent across southeastern and east central locations at the end of the reporting period. There were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 12 short, 83 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 17 short, 78 adequate, and 2 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 11 poor, 34 fair, 53 good, and 1 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 18 percent, behind 32 last year.

Spring wheat planted was 84 percent, near 80 last year, and ahead of 68 for the five-year average. Emerged was 49 percent, near 48 last year, and ahead of 35 average.

Oats planted was 84 percent, ahead of 79 last year and 72 average. Emerged was 50 percent, equal to last year, and ahead of 39 average.

Barley planted was 66 percent, ahead of 47 last year and 52 average. Emerged was 18 percent, near 22 both last year and average.

Corn planted was 7 percent, near 11 last year, and behind 20 average.

Soybeans planted was 2 percent, near 1 last year, and equal to average.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 77 good, and 7 excellent. Calving progress was 83 percent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 73 average, and 26 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 23 fair, 69 good, and 4 excellent. Lambing progress was 91 percent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 73 average, and 27 light. Sheep shorn was 76 percent.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 5 percent very short, 17 short, 75 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 11 short, 87 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.*

*Access the National Crop Progress and Condition Report at:*

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2017/CropProg-05-01-2017.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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