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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**SIOUX FALLS, S.D. May 15, 2017** – For the week ending May 14, 2017, warmer than average weather aided planting, but dried out soil according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. A second week with above average temperatures across much of the State reduced soil moisture supplies and affected crop conditions. Temperatures were six to eight degrees above normal in northwest South Dakota. Much of the west received some moisture with a few southwestern counties receiving up to an inch of rain. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 9 percent very short, 31 short, 58 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 32 short, 61 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 15 poor, 43 fair, 40 good, and 0 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 40 percent, behind 58 last year.

Spring wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 47 fair, 45 good, and 4 excellent. Spring wheat planted was 99 percent, near 96 last year, and ahead of 90 for the five-year average. Emerged was 83 percent, near 82 last year, and well ahead of 63 average. Jointing was 1 percent, near 2 last year.

Oats condition rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 42 fair, 52 good, and 5 excellent. Oats planted was 99 percent, near 95 last year, and ahead of 90 average. Emerged was 91 percent, near 87 last year, and well ahead of 68 average. Jointed was 8 percent, near 5 last year.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 45 fair, 51 good, and 0 excellent. Barley planted was 98 percent, ahead of 91 last year and 83 average. Emerged was 70 percent, ahead of 60 last year and 51 average.

Corn planted was 77 percent, ahead of 59 last year and 66 average. Emerged was 15 percent, equal to last year, but behind 21 average.

Soybeans planted was 29 percent, near 25 last year and 26 average. Emerged was 1 percent equal to last year, and near 2 average.

Sorghum planted was 15 percent, ahead of 5 both last year and average.

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

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range condition rated 3 percent very poor, 17 poor, 37 fair, 39 good, and 4 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 18 short, 78 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-05-15-2017.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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