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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. May 30, 2017 – For the week ending May 28, 2017, below normal temperatures continued for many parts of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Patchy frost was reported in central counties as overnight temperatures fell below freezing Wednesday morning. More seasonable temperatures returned by the end of the week. Soil moisture condition ratings declined, as mostly dry weather persisted across the northern tier of South Dakota. There were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 14 percent very short, 24 short, 56 adequate, and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 12 percent very short, 27 short, 58 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 5 percent very poor, 15 poor, 30 fair, 50 good, and 0 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 90 percent, near 89 last year. Headed was 32 percent, behind 43 last year, but equal to the five-year average.

Spring wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 21 poor, 38 fair, 36 good, and 3 excellent. Spring wheat jointed was 32 percent, behind 38 last year.

Oats condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 25 fair, 59 good, and 6 excellent. Oats jointed was 42 percent, near 43 last year. Headed was 3 percent, near 5 percent for both last year and average.

Barley condition rated 3 percent very poor, 11 poor, 51 fair, 35 good, and 0 excellent. Barley emerged was 96 percent, ahead of 78 last year, and well ahead of 76 average.

Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 27 fair, 63 good, and 4 excellent. Corn planted was 95 percent, near 91 last year and 94 average. Emerged was 74 percent, ahead of 63 last year and 68 average.

Soybeans planted was 72 percent, equal to last year, and near 70 average. Emerged was 30 percent, behind 37 last year, and near 34 average.

Sorghum planted was 29 percent, well behind 62 last year, and behind 41 average. Emerged was 7 percent.

Sunflowers planted was 30 percent, near 28 last year, and ahead of 19 average.

Alfalfa hay condition rated 20 percent very poor, 26 poor, 32 fair, 19 good, and 3 excellent. Alfalfa first cutting was 6 percent, behind 16 last year.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range condition rated 9 percent very poor, 17 poor, 27 fair, 42 good, and 5 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 16 short, 78 adequate, and 3 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-05-30-2017.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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