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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**SIOUX FALLS, S.D. July 17, 2017** – For the week ending July 16, 2017, spring wheat harvest began in parts of South Dakota, while winter wheat and oats harvest continued, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Extreme heat and humidity late in the week impacted most of the State, stressing crops, rangeland, and livestock. Scattered showers and thunderstorms brought rain to parts of northeast and western South Dakota. However, statewide soil moisture conditions continued to decline as the rainfall was not widespread. There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 43 percent very short, 42 short, 14 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 36 percent very short, 43 short, 21 adequate, and 0 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 31 percent very poor, 32 poor, 27 fair, 10 good, and 0 excellent. Winter wheat coloring was 100 percent. Mature was 88 percent. Harvested was 43 percent, behind 48 last year, but ahead of 30 for the five-year average.

Spring wheat condition rated 41 percent very poor, 33 poor, 18 fair, 7 good, and 1 excellent. Spring wheat coloring was 82 percent, near 83 last year, but well ahead of 62 average. Mature was 43 percent. Harvested was 5 percent, ahead of 0 last year, and near 4 average.

Oats condition rated 26 percent very poor, 26 poor, 29 fair, 17 good, and 2 excellent. Oats coloring was 89 percent, ahead of 79 last year, and well ahead of 67 average. Mature was 56 percent. Harvested was 10 percent, well behind 35 last year, and behind 20 average.

Barley condition rated 53 percent very poor, 30 poor, 17 fair, 0 good, and 0 excellent. Barley coloring was 72 percent, ahead of 61 last year, and well ahead of 49 average.

Corn condition rated 14 percent very poor, 24 poor, 32 fair, 29 good, and 1 excellent. Corn silking was 11 percent, well behind 34 last year, and behind 26 average.

Soybean condition rated 14 percent very poor, 19 poor, 38 fair, 27 good, and 2 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 49 percent, behind 63 last year and 57 average. Setting pods was 5 percent, behind 15 last year, and near 9 average.

Sorghum condition rated 14 percent very poor, 31 poor, 49 fair, 6 good, and 0 excellent. Sorghum headed was 5 percent, behind 22 last year and 20 average.

Sunflower condition rated 9 percent very poor, 23 poor, 64 fair, 4 good, and 0 excellent.

Alfalfa condition rated 48 percent very poor, 33 poor, 12 fair, 7 good, and 0 excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was 40 percent, near 44 last year and 42 average.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range condition rated 37 percent very poor, 31 poor, 21 fair, 11 good, and 0 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 25 percent very short, 32 short, 42 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-07-17-2017.pdf>

*Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:*

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

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