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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. July 31, 2017 – For the week ending July 30, 2017, scattered showers and thunderstorms brought needed moisture to some areas; however, rainfall totals varied widely, leaving some locations with little to no precipitation, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Soil moisture ratings improved slightly with last week's rain, but remained predominately short to very short statewide. There were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 40 percent very short, 39 short, 20 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 39 percent very short, 38 short, 23 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat harvested was 82 percent, near 86 last year, but ahead of 63 for the five-year average.

Spring wheat condition rated 41 percent very poor, 34 poor, 17 fair, 7 good, and 1 excellent. Spring wheat coloring was 97 percent. Mature was 82 percent. Harvested was 46 percent, near 50 last year, but ahead of 31 average.

Oats condition rated 29 percent very poor, 25 poor, 28 fair, 16 good, and 2 excellent. Oats mature was 85 percent. Harvested was 51 percent, well behind 75 last year, and near 55 average.

Barley condition rated 51 percent very poor, 31 poor, 18 fair, 0 good, and 0 excellent. Barley coloring was 92 percent, ahead of 87 last year and 76 average. Mature was 54 percent. Harvested was 5 percent.

Corn condition rated 16 percent very poor, 23 poor, 32 fair, 28 good, and 1 excellent. Corn silking was 80 percent, near 81 last year and 79 average. Dough was 10 percent, behind 18 last year, and near 13 average.

Soybean condition rated 14 percent very poor, 21 poor, 37 fair, 26 good, and 2 excellent. Soybeans blooming was 80 percent, behind 88 last year, and near 84 average. Setting pods was 41 percent, well behind 62 last year, and near 45 average.

Sorghum condition rated 19 percent very poor, 36 poor, 41 fair, 4 good, and 0 excellent. Sorghum headed was 33 percent, well behind 59 last year and 54 average. Coloring was 2 percent, behind 12 last year, and near 4 average.

Sunflower condition rated 11 percent very poor, 28 poor, 55 fair, 6 good, and 0 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 23 percent, behind 30 last year, and near 24 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 51 percent very poor, 33 poor, 10 fair, 6 good, and 0 excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was 50 percent, behind 61 last year and 68 average. Third cutting was 13 percent.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range condition rated 41 percent very poor, 30 poor, 18 fair, 11 good, and 0 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 27 percent very short, 31 short, 41 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-07-31-2017.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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