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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**SIOUX FALLS, S.D. August 28, 2017** – For the week ending August 27, 2017, cool and wet weather were again common, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The majority of the eastern two-thirds of South Dakota received an inch or more of rain and experienced cooler than normal temperatures. Meanwhile, the western third of the State received scattered showers and warmer weather. Overall, crop conditions showed some improvement. There were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 17 percent very short, 26 short, 55 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 26 percent very short, 34 short, 39 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Spring wheat harvested was 93 percent, near 91 last year, and ahead of 85 for the five-year average.

Oats harvested was 92 percent, behind 99 last year and 97 average.

Barley mature was 96 percent, near 97 both last year and average. Harvested was 56 percent, well behind 92 last year and 79 average.

Corn condition rated 9 percent very poor, 15 poor, 30 fair, 42 good, and 4 excellent. Corn dough was 79 percent, behind 90 last year and 87 average. Dented was 23 percent, behind 42 last year and 40 average.

Soybean condition rated 5 percent very poor, 12 poor, 34 fair, 43 good, and 6 excellent. Soybeans setting pods was 94 percent, near 96 last year and 95 average. Dropping leaves was 5 percent, behind 13 last year and 12 average.

Sorghum condition rated 16 percent very poor, 16 poor, 60 fair, 8 good, and 0 excellent. Sorghum headed was 96 percent, equal to last year, and near 97 average. Coloring was 28 percent, well behind 52 last year, and behind 46 average. Mature was 4 percent, near 7 last year and 3 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 7 percent very poor, 20 poor, 49 fair, 22 good, and 2 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 90 percent, ahead of 79 last year, and near 91 average. Ray flowers dried was 21 percent. Bracts turning yellow was 1 percent.

Alfalfa condition rated 31 percent very poor, 37 poor, 19 fair, 12 good, and 1 excellent. Alfalfa second cutting was 74 percent complete, behind 80 last year and 93 average. Third cutting was 41 percent, behind 56 last year and 51 average.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range condition rated 32 percent very poor, 27 poor, 25 fair, 15 good, and 1 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 22 percent very short, 29 short, 48 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-08-28-2017.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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