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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**SIOUX FALLS, S.D. October 2, 2017** – For the week ending October 1, 2017, showers and thunderstorms slowed soybean and corn harvest across much of eastern South Dakota, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. An inch or more of rain fell over most eastern locations. Winter wheat seeding was ongoing while producers completed late-season haying in other parts of the State. There were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 15 percent very short, 22 short, 58 adequate, and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 24 percent very short, 26 short, 48 adequate, and 2 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 9 percent very poor, 14 poor, 33 fair, 39 good, and 5 excellent. Corn dented was 95 percent, near 99 last year and 98 for the five-year average. Mature was 52 percent, well behind 78 last year and 75 average. Harvest was 3 percent, behind 11 last year and 19 average.

Soybean condition rated 5 percent very poor, 10 poor, 36 fair, 42 good, and 7 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 89 percent, behind 94 last year, and near 93 average. Harvest was 10 percent, well behind 35 last year and 37 average.

Winter wheat planted was 65 percent, ahead of 54 last year, and equal to average. Emerged was 21 percent, near 17 last year and 18 average.

Sorghum condition rated 21 percent very poor, 21 poor, 41 fair, 17 good, and 0 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 92 percent, behind 100 last year and 97 average. Mature was 35 percent, well behind 79 last year and 66 average. Harvest was 1 percent, well behind 25 last year and 22 average.

Sunflower condition rated 5 percent very poor, 24 poor, 47 fair, 20 good, and 4 excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dried was 94 percent, ahead of 84 last year, and equal to average. Bracts turning yellow was 74 percent, ahead of 66 last year, but behind 81 average. Bracts turning brown was 39 percent, near 36 last year.

Alfalfa third cutting was 75 percent complete, behind 83 last year.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range condition rated 31 percent very poor, 25 poor, 26 fair, 18 good, and 0 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 22 percent very short, 27 short, 50 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-10-02-2017.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/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?SD>

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