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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. October 10, 2017 – For the week ending October 8, 2017, corn and soybean harvest progress remained behind last year and average following another wet week across much of the east, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall amounts varied considerably with the heaviest precipitation totals occurring in extreme southeastern South Dakota. Producers were able to resume harvesting late in the week in some central and northeast counties, where rainfall amounts were less. There were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 20 short, 58 adequate, and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 24 percent very short, 24 short, 50 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 9 percent very poor, 16 poor, 35 fair, 36 good, and 4 excellent. Corn mature was 72 percent, behind 91 last year and 87 for the five-year average. Harvested was 6 percent, behind 19 last year, and well behind 29 average.

Soybean condition rated 5 percent very poor, 12 poor, 32 fair, 44 good, and 7 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 97 percent, near 98 last year, and equal to average. Harvested was 22 percent, well behind 56 last year and 59 average.

Winter wheat planted was 78 percent, near 77 last year and 79 average. Emerged was 50 percent, ahead of 41 last year and 34 average.

Sorghum condition rated 15 percent very poor, 19 poor, 44 fair, 22 good, and 0 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 97 percent, near 100 last year and 98 average. Mature was 51 percent, well behind 85 last year and 79 average. Harvested was 3 percent, well behind 39 last year and 32 average.

Sunflower condition rated 4 percent very poor, 21 poor, 47 fair, 25 good, and 3 excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dried was 98 percent, ahead of 93 last year. Bracts turning yellow was 85 percent, near 81 last year, but behind 90 average. Bracts turning brown was 62 percent, near 63 last year. Harvested was 10 percent, near 13 last year and 12 average.

Alfalfa third cutting was 85 percent complete, near 87 last year, and behind 93 average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range condition rated 29 percent very poor, 25 poor, 24 fair, 21 good, and 1 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 22 percent very short, 25 short, 51 adequate, and 2 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-10-10-2017.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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