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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**SIoux FALLS, S.D. August 17, 2020** - For the week ending August 16, 2020, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6% very short, 31% short, 62% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 5% very short, 22% short, 72% adequate, and 1% surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn condition rated 2% very poor, 4% poor, 14% fair, 67% good, and 13% excellent. Corn dough was 75%, well ahead of 35% last year, and ahead of 61% for the five-year average. Dented was 7%, ahead of 2% last year, but near 11% average.

Soybean condition rated 2% very poor, 4% poor, 12% fair, 69% good, and 13% excellent. Soybeans blooming was 95%, ahead of 88% last year, and near 94% average. Setting pods was 82%, well ahead of 56% last year, and near 80% average. Dropping leaves was 2%, near 1% average.

Spring wheat condition rated 1% very poor, 4% poor, 25% fair, 66% good, and 4% excellent. Spring wheat harvested was 81%, well ahead of 24% last year, and ahead of 70% average.

Oats harvested was 93%, well ahead of 55% last year, and ahead of 83% average.

Sorghum condition rated 0% very poor, 3% poor, 15% fair, 77% good, and 5% excellent. Sorghum headed was 84%, ahead of 70% last year, and near 83% average. Coloring was 15%, near 12% last year and 18% average.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 2% very poor, 14% poor, 40% fair, 41% good, and 3% excellent.

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