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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**SIOUX FALLS, S.D. May 24, 2021** - For the week ending May 23, 2021, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 22% very short, 41% short, 37% adequate, and 0% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 21% very short, 45% short, 33% adequate, and 1% surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Corn planted was 93%, ahead of 83% last year, and well ahead of 72% for the five-year average. Emerged was 55%, ahead of 41% last year, and well ahead of 34% average.

Soybeans planted was 83%, well ahead of 59% last year and 45% average. Emerged was 28%, ahead of 17% last year and 12% average.

Winter wheat condition rated 7% very poor, 20% poor, 43% fair, 30% good, and 0% excellent. Winter wheat headed was 9%, near 7% last year and 10% average.

Spring wheat condition rated 2% very poor, 8% poor, 43% fair, 47% good, and 0% excellent. Spring wheat emerged was 87%, ahead of 73% last year and 75% average.

Oats condition rated 1% very poor, 7% poor, 48% fair, 43% good, and 1% excellent. Oats emerged was 84%, near 88% last year, but ahead of 79% average. Headed was 2%, near 1% average.

Sorghum planted was 39%, ahead of 27% last year and 25% average.

Sunflowers planted was 18%, ahead of 7% last year and 12% average.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 10% very poor, 37% poor, 40% fair, 12% good, and 1% excellent.

*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.*

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