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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD August 19, 2013 – For the week ending August 18, 2013, below normal temperatures continued across most of the state, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall occurred in the south western part of South Dakota. Statewide, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 9 percent very short, 23 short, 64 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 26 short, 57 adequate, and 4 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat was 87 percent harvested, behind 100 last year and 98 average.

Spring wheat ripe was 93 percent, behind 100 last year and 98 average. Harvested were 54 percent, well behind 100 last year and 80 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 47 fair, 37 good, and 8 excellent.

Oats ripe was 95 percent, behind 100 last year but near 97 average. Harvested were 75 percent, well behind 100 last year and 86 average. Condition rated 3 percent very poor, 3 poor, 35 fair, 51 good, and 8 excellent.

Barley was 90 percent ripe, behind 100 last year and 94 average. Harvested were 41 percent, well behind 99 last year and 71 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 59 fair, 39 good, and 0 excellent.

Corn at the dough stage was 65 percent, behind 83 last year but ahead of 50 average. Dent was 5 percent, behind 41 last year and 14 average. Condition rated 5 percent very poor, 5 poor, 20 fair, 48 good, and 22 excellent.

Soybean blooming was 95 percent, behind last year's 100 and 99 average. Setting pods were 75 percent, behind 92 last year and 85 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 27 fair, 50 good, and 17 excellent.

Sorghum headed was 90 percent, behind 92 last year but ahead of 84 average. Coloring was 16 percent, behind 42 last year and 28 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 37 fair, 50 good, and 10 excellent.

Sunflower blooming was 70 percent, behind last year at 100 and 79 average. Ray flowers dry were 1 percent, behind last year at 10 and 7 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 29 fair, 59 good, and 6 excellent.

The second cutting of alfalfa was 94 percent complete, behind 2012 at 100 but ahead of 91 average. The third cutting of alfalfa was 29 percent complete, behind 60 last year and 34 average. Alfalfa hay condition rated 0 percent very poor, 5 poor, 33 fair, 50 good, and 12 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 25 fair, 56 good, and 13 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 17 short, 75 adequate, and 6 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 publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2013/CropProg-08-19-2013.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=SD®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?SD,HP