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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. November 27, 2017 – For the week ending November 26, 2017, most producers completed fall harvest and other field activities following unseasonably warm weather across much of South Dakota, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. However, the dry conditions and lack of snow cover were unfavorable for winter wheat. Drought conditions continued across much of the west. There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 19 percent very short, 25 short, 54 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 27 percent very short, 26 short, 46 adequate, and 1 surplus.

This is the last weekly Crop Progress and Condition report for the 2017 growing season. We would like to extend our appreciation to the dedicated county FSA and extension staff who supplied the necessary information for these reports. For December through March, we will issue monthly reports. The first monthly report (for December) will be issued January 2, 2018. Weekly reports will begin April 2nd for the 2018 season.

Field Crops Report: Corn harvested was 97 percent, near 99 last year and 98 for the five-year average.

Winter wheat condition rated 25 percent very poor, 13 poor, 44 fair, 17 good, and 1 excellent.

Sorghum harvested was 95 percent, behind 100 last year, and near 98 average.

Sunflowers harvested was 94 percent, behind 99 last year, and equal to average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 34 percent very poor, 21 poor, 23 fair, 21 good, and 1 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 21 percent very short, 30 short, 47 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-11-27-2017.pdf

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at: <u>http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps</u>

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at: http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?SD

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