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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, March 25, 2013 -- For the month of March 2013, any received precipitation has been welcomed despite the below average temperatures, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Livestock producers have reported favorable spring calving conditions. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 37 percent very short, 42 short, 21 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 68 percent very short, 29 short, 3 adequate, and 0 surplus. There was an average of 1.8 inches of snow throughout the state.

Weather Report: Precipitation and temperature data are now being provided through the High Plains Regional Climate Center. See link below for the latest updates. A link to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor graphic is also provided.

Field Crops Report: Wheat conditions rated 23 percent very poor, 38 poor, 33 fair, 6 good, and 0 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Hay and forage supplies rated 16 percent very short, 37 short, 46 adequate, and 1 surplus. Cattle and calves condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 74 good, and 2 excellent. Spring calving was 49 percent complete. Calf losses this spring have been 10 percent below average, 89 average, and 1 above average.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and UNL Extension Service.

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=NE®ion=HPRCC

Access the US Drought Monitor at:
http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?NE,HP