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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, April 1, 2013 -- For the week ending of March 31, 2013, below normal temperatures limited fieldwork activities with producers awaiting warmer conditions, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Livestock producers have reported favorable spring calving conditions with good survival rates. Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 37 percent very short, 43 short, 20 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated 60 percent very short, 36 short, 4 adequate, and 0 surplus. There were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork.

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 14 percent very poor, 35 poor, 41 fair, 10 good, and 0 excellent.

Oats planted were at 31 percent, behind last year's 35 but ahead of 16 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Hay and forage supplies rated 16 percent very short, 43 short, 41 adequate, and 0 surplus. Cattle and calves condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 24 fair, 69 good, and 4 excellent. Spring calving was 61 percent complete. Sheep and lamb conditions were 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 25 fair, 73 good, and 2 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 12 percent very short, 24 short, 63 adequate, and 1 surplus.

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

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2013/CropProg-04-01-2013.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=NE®ion=HPRCC

Access the US Drought Monitor at:

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