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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, April 15, 2013 -- For the week ending of April 14, 2013, precipitation in the form of rain, snow and hail crossed the state with many locations receiving 1 to 3 inches of moisture, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This boosted topsoil moisture supplies, but shut down spring fieldwork activities. High winds overturned pivots in parts of the state. Temperatures which averaged 8 to 16 degrees below normal stressed young calves and made livestock care difficult. Pastures continued to show little growth, resulting in livestock producers drawing on already short forage supplies. Topsoil temperatures declined and were in the low 40's in many eastern and southern counties. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 20 percent very short, 33 short, 45 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 55 percent very short, 38 short, 7 adequate, and 0 surplus. There were 1.8 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 17 percent very poor, 33 poor, 38 fair, 12 good, and 0 excellent. Wheat jointed was 3 percent, behind last year's 34 and 10 average.

Oats planted were at 58 percent, behind last year's 73 but ahead of 51 average. Oats emerged were 10 percent, behind 32 last year and 12 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 13 percent very short, 23 short, 64 adequate, and 0 surplus. Hay and forage supplies rated 26 percent very short, 37 short, 37 adequate, and 0 surplus. Cattle and calves condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 21 fair, 67 good, and 8 excellent. Spring calving was 78 percent complete.

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-04-15-2013.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 U.S. Drought Monitor at:

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