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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, April 22, 2013 -- For the week ending April 21, 2013, cold temperatures combined with precipitation in the form of snow and rain to halt spring fieldwork, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Soil moisture supplies in the east showed improvement; however, western counties received 0.5 inch or less of moisture during the week, doing little to build soil profiles. Young calves required attention as wet soils provided few dry places to lie down. In addition, temperatures which averaged 9 to 15 degrees below normal, stressed the new arrivals. The cold conditions lowered soil temperatures which declined into the low 40's and upper 30's statewide. Pastures continued to show little growth forcing producers to draw on already short forage supplies. Planting activities were at a standstill with only 1.6 days considered suitable for fieldwork. Statewide, topsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 31 short, 56 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 49 percent very short, 41 short, 10 adequate, and 0 surplus.

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 13 percent very poor, 30 poor, 46 fair, 11 good, and 0 excellent. Wheat jointed was 5 percent, behind last year's 56 and 18 average.

Oats planted were at 69 percent, behind last year's 84 and 70 average. Oats emerged were 18 percent, behind 47 last year and 26 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 8 percent very short, 23 short, 69 adequate, and 0 surplus. Hay and forage supplies rated 26 percent very short, 45 short, 29 adequate, and 0 surplus. Cattle and calves condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 21 fair, 65 good, and 11 excellent. Spring calving was 84 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-04-22-2013.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