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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, April 29, 2013 -- For the week ending April 28, 2013, rain early in the week combined with below normal temperatures to limit fieldwork until the weekend when conditions warmed and soils began to dry, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Moisture accumulations near 1 inch were common across the southeastern third of the State. However, precipitation was again limited in many western counties where soil moisture profiles are depleted. Corn planting was underway as soil temperatures rose into the upper 50's by Sunday. For the week, temperatures averaged 3 to 6 degrees below normal. Pastures continued to show little growth, forcing producers to draw on short forage supplies. Fieldwork was limited with only 3.2 days considered suitable for fieldwork. Statewide, topsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 31 short, 55 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 47 percent very short, 42 short, 11 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: Corn planted was 3 percent, well behind last year's 40 and 26 average.

Wheat conditions rated 14 percent very poor, 30 poor, 44 fair, 12 good, and 0 excellent. Wheat jointed was 6 percent, well behind last year's 66 and 28 average.

Oats planted were at 70 percent, behind last year's 92 and 85 average. Oats emerged were 24 percent, behind last year's 67 and 46 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 7 percent very short, 20 short, 72 adequate, and 1 surplus. Hay and forage supplies rated 23 percent very short, 46 short, 31 adequate, and 0 surplus. Cattle and calves condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 25 fair, 66 good, and 7 excellent. Spring calving was 91 percent complete. Calf losses this spring has been 7 percent below average, 88 average, and 5 above average.

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-04-29-2013.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