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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, May 6, 2013 -- For the week ending May 5, 2013, warm temperatures early in the week gave way to cold, wet conditions at mid-week which again limited fieldwork, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Snow was recorded in many counties at mid-week. Moisture accumulations, which included rain, totaled an inch or more in many eastern areas but was again limited in western counties. Temperatures were below normal for the fourth week in a row and averaged 4 to 8 degrees below normal across much of Nebraska. Corn planting progressed slowly and was a week and one half behind average. Soil temperatures as of Sunday were above 50 degrees in the western two thirds of the state but in the high 40's elsewhere. Pastures continue to show little growth with many producers lacking the forage supplies to feed much longer. The first cutting of alfalfa will be short and late, with one less cutting possible this year. Fieldwork was limited with only 3.2 days considered suitable. Statewide, topsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 23 short, 60 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 42 percent very short, 42 short, 16 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 14 percent, well behind last year's 70 and 53 average.

Soybeans planted was 1 percent, behind last year's 26 and 13 average.

Wheat conditions rated 16 percent very poor, 33 poor, 39 fair, 12 good, and 0 excellent. Wheat jointed was 8 percent, well behind last year's 84 and 3 weeks behind 46 average.

Oats planted were at 84 percent, behind last year's 96 and 93 average. Oats emerged were 38 percent, behind last year's 79 and 65 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Stock water supplies rated 6 percent very short, 15 short, 78 adequate, and 1 surplus. Pasture and range condition rated 25 percent very poor, 45 poor, 26 fair, 4 good, and 0 excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 23 percent very short, 47 short, 30 adequate, and 0 surplus. Cattle and calves condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 26 fair, 65 good, and 7 excellent. Spring calving was 95 percent complete. Calf losses this spring has been 6 percent below average, 89 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-05-06-2013.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